



Drifted snow nearly buries a street sign in rural Pratt County, Kan. on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013.  
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**Associated Press**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)** —

For the second time in a week, a major winter storm paralyzed parts of the nation's midsection Tuesday, dumping a fresh layer of heavy, wet snow atop cities still choked with piles from the previous system and making travel perilous from the Oklahoma panhandle to the Great Lakes. The weight of the snow strained power lines and cut electricity to more than 100,000 homes and businesses. At least three deaths were blamed on the blizzard.

The Missouri Department of Transportation issued a rare "no travel" advisory, urging people to stay off highways except in case of a dire emergency. Conditions were so bad that some snowplows slid into ditches, underlining the danger even to well-equipped travelers.

"It's straight hell. It's snowing, blowing, drifting, everything," said Robert Branscum, a trucker from Campton, Ill., who was hauling Wal-Mart merchandise to Dallas.

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Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., leaves the Senate floor following the final vote to confirm President Barack Obama's choice of Chuck Hagel to head the Defense Department, at the Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013. McCain had clashed with Hagel over his opposition to President George W. Bush's decision to send an extra 30,000 troops to Iraq in 2007 at a point when the war seemed in danger of being lost.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

## Senate confirms Hagel amid GOP skepticism

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A deeply divided Senate voted to confirm Chuck Hagel as the next U.S. defense secretary, handing President Barack Obama's choice the job just days before billions of dollars in budget cuts hit the military. Hagel was expected to be sworn in Wednesday.

The vote was 58-41 Tuesday, with four Republicans joining the Democrats after an unprecedented fight that touched on Israel, Iran and nuclear weapons.

Republicans had opposed

their onetime Republican Senate colleague, casting him as unqualified, hostile toward Israel and soft on Iran. They described him as a radical and far out of the mainstream.

The vote came just hours after Republicans dropped a delay and allowed the nomination to move forward. Hagel, 66, a twice-wounded Vietnam combat veteran, succeeds Defense Secretary Leon Panetta. He joins Obama's new second-term, national security team of Secretary of State John Kerry and

CIA Director-designate John Brennan at a time of uncertainty for a military emerging from two wars and fighting worldwide terrorism with smaller, deficit-driven budgets.

Obama welcomed the Senate vote, saying in a statement that "we will have the defense secretary our nation needs and the leader our troops deserve." Republican objections remained strong.

"I continue to have serious questions about whether Chuck Hagel is up to the job of being our secretary

of defense," Sen. Lindsey Graham, a Republican, said in a statement. "I hope, for the sake of our own national security, he exceeds expectations."

Among Hagel's challenges are deciding on troop levels in Afghanistan as the United States winds down its combat presence and dealing with \$46 billion in budget cuts set to kick in on Friday. He also will have to work with lawmakers who spent weeks vilifying him.

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# 2 days left: US braces for \$85B in budget cuts

**NEWPORT NEWS, Virginia (AP)** — President Barack Obama and a divided Congress seem ready to make history Friday: The first time they'll miss a crucial economic deadline.

The \$85 billion in across-the-board spending cuts had been designed to be so ugly that Washington would be forced to propose a better way to tackle the country's massive debt, but no move was made Tuesday to make a deal.

That's hardly the rosy scenario Obama promised as he ran for re-election and tried to convince voters that Washington would be a different place in his second term.

Experts believe the stand-off is already slowing the fragile economy's recovery from the Great Recession. The latest Associated Press Economy Survey of 37 economists found that most worry that the budget fights will persist for much of 2013 and hinder growth.

Obama on Tuesday warned that the government-wide cuts could hurt military readiness and called the move a "self-inflicted wound that doesn't have to happen."

But some opposition Republicans see the battle as their best opportunity

to stand their ground and exact deep spending cuts from Obama — even if it means taking money from the Defense Department, a step Republican law-

makers have traditionally opposed.

Many Republicans believe they have a mandate to cut spending significantly. They maintained control

of the House of Representatives — even though it lost seats — in the November election, in part by pledging to cut government spending and block

Obama's proposals for increasing taxes.

The White House has warned that the cuts could affect everything from commercial flights to classrooms to meat inspections and lead to furloughs for hundreds of thousands of workers.

Top Republicans were lining up behind a plan that wouldn't replace the cuts but would give Obama's agency heads, such as incoming Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, greater discretion in distributing the cuts. The idea is that money could be transferred from lower-priority accounts.

But Obama rejected the idea, saying there's no smart way to cut such a large chunk from the budget over just seven months — the amount of time left in the fiscal year.

"You don't want to have to choose between, 'Let's see, do I close funding for the disabled kid, or the poor kid? Do I close this Navy shipyard or some other one?'" Obama said. "You can't gloss over the pain and the impact it's going to have on the economy."

Giving the Obama administration more authority could take pressure off of Congress to address the cuts. But the White House is also keenly aware that it would give Republicans an opening to blame Obama, instead of themselves, for every unpopular cut he makes.

Obama wants any deficit-reduction deal to include both targeted cuts and tax increases, but Republican congressional leaders insist on reduced spending alone.

Obama is proposing closing tax loopholes that benefit the wealthiest Americans and corporations. Many Republicans say they are done raising revenue after letting taxes on top earners increase in December.

In the House, Speaker John Boehner said he'd already done his part, saying the House twice passed bills to replace the cuts with more targeted reductions. □



**In this Dec. 21, 1995, file photo Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, dumps out coal, his so-called Christmas gift to President Clinton, during a news conference about the federal budget on Capitol Hill as Congressional Republicans tried to restart balanced budget talks on day six of the partial government shutdown. President Barack Obama and his officials are doing their best to drum up public concern over the shock wave of spending cuts that could strike the government in just 3 days. So it's a good time to be alert for sky-is-falling hype.**

(AP Photo/Denis Paquin)

## BP executive testifies at Gulf spill trial

**M. KUNZELMAN Associated Press**

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — A high-ranking BP executive testified Tuesday that the London-based oil giant and its contractors share the responsibility for preventing blowouts like the one that killed 11 workers and spawned America's worst offshore oil spill in 2010.

Lamar McKay, who was president of BP America at the time of the Deepwater Horizon disaster, is the first BP executive to testify at a federal trial designed to identify the causes of BP's Macondo well blowout and assign percentages of blame to the companies

involved.

Rig owner Transocean and cement contractor Halliburton also are defendants at the trial, which began Monday.

A plaintiffs' attorney pressed McKay to agree with him that BP bore ultimate responsibility for the blowout, but McKay insisted that managing the hazards of deepwater drilling are a "team effort."

"I think that's a shared responsibility, to manage the safety and the risk," said McKay, now chief executive of BP's Upstream unit. "Sometimes contractors manage that risk. Sometimes we do. Most of the time it's a team effort."

McKay also defended the company's internal probe of the spill, which outlined a series of mistakes by rig workers and faulted decisions by other companies but didn't assign any blame to BP's upper-level management.

"I think it was a substantial investigation," McKay said. McKay said the rig explosion and spill in the Gulf of Mexico was a "tragic accident" resulting from a "risk that was identified."

This isn't the first time McKay has testified under oath about the spill. He appeared before Congress less than a month after the deadly rig explosion.

U.S. District Judge Carl Bar-

bier is hearing the case without a jury. Barring a settlement, Barbier will decide how much more money BP and other companies owe for their roles in the disaster. McKay's testimony followed that of an expert witness for people and businesses suing the company. University of California-Berkeley engineering professor Robert Bea testified that BP PLC didn't implement a 2-year-old safety management program on the rig that exploded in the Gulf on April 20, 2010. An estimated 172 millions of gallons (651 million liters) of crude spilled into the Gulf over the three months that followed. □

# Fed Chairman defends stimulus efforts

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**WASHINGTON** — The Federal Reserve chairman, Ben S. Bernanke, on Tuesday downplayed objections raised by some Fed officials about the central bank's efforts to stimulate the economy, saying the policies are both necessary and effective.

Bernanke, in written testimony submitted to the Senate Banking Committee, also urged Congress and the Obama administration to replace the sequestration cuts scheduled to begin Friday with a plan to reduce federal deficits more gradually.

"Although monetary policy is working to promote a more robust recovery, it cannot carry the entire burden of ensuring a speedier return to economic health," Bernanke said. He warned that the combination of previous spending cuts and sequestration "could create a significant headwind for the economic recovery."

Still, Bernanke was relatively upbeat about the health of the broader economy, which he described as growing at a "moderate if somewhat uneven pace." He said disappointing growth in the fourth quarter "does not appear to reflect a stalling-out of the recovery." Consumer demand kept rising and, he said, "Available information suggests that economic growth has picked up again this year."

Bernanke, who reports to Congress on monetary policy twice each year, used his written testimony to strongly defend the Fed's expansion of its economic stimulus campaign in September and December to reduce unemployment more quickly. He will answer questions from the Senate committee Tuesday morning, then testify before the House Financial Services Committee on Wednesday morning.

The Fed, which has amassed almost \$3 trillion in Treasury and mortgage-backed securities, is expanding those holdings by

\$85 billion a month until it sees clear improvement in the labor market. It plans to hold short-term interest rates near zero even longer, at least until the unemployment rate falls below 6.5 percent.

"In the current economic environment, the benefits of asset purchases, and of policy accommodation more generally, are clear," Bernanke said. "Monetary policy is providing important support to the recovery

taking by investors pursuing higher returns. Stein in a recent speech highlighted rising demand for junk bonds and certain kinds of real estate investments, and shifts in bank balance sheets, as areas of potential concern.

Bernanke said Tuesday that the Fed takes these concerns "very seriously," noting that the central bank has significantly expanded its efforts to monitor financial markets, and

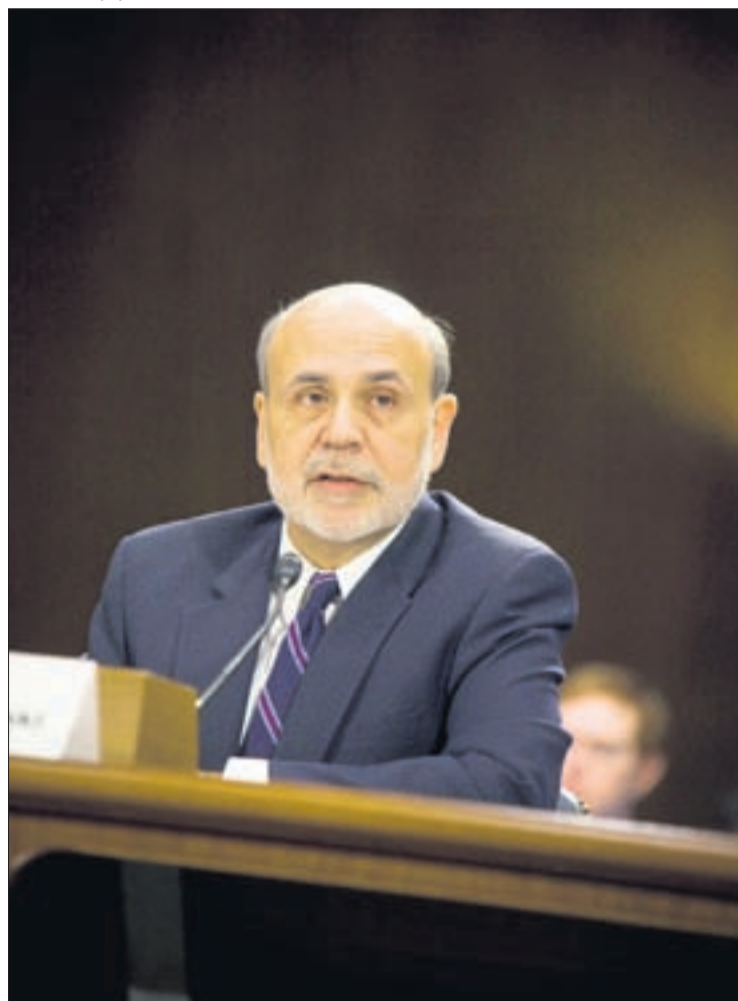
more rapid job creation," Bernanke said.

He also downplayed the concern expressed by some Fed officials and analysts that the central bank's plans to control inflation as the economy recovers could be complicated by a political backlash because it may lose money as it sheds some of its vast holdings of Treasuries and mortgage bonds. Such losses could be large enough to prevent the Fed from transferring profits to the Treasury Department for the first time since 1934, according to a Fed analysis. Bernanke, noting the Fed has transferred \$290 billion to Treasury since 2009, said it was "highly likely" Treasury still would see a net benefit from the purchases because any losses would not exceed those profits.

"Moreover, to the extent that monetary policy promotes growth and job creation, the resulting reduction in the federal deficit would dwarf any variation in the Federal Reserve's remittances to the Treasury," he said. When Bernanke last appeared before Congress in July, he identified three major obstacles to faster growth: the depressed housing market, the financial crisis in Europe, and U.S. fiscal policy. In his prepared testimony Tuesday, he did not mention Europe and barely touched on housing. But he warned that government policy was continuing to slow the pace of economic growth.

The recent agreements to reduce deficits, Bernanke said, focused on short-term spending cuts while doing little to address longer-term imbalances.

"To address both the near- and longer-term issues," he said, "the Congress and the administration should consider replacing the sharp, front-loaded spending cuts required by the sequestration with policies that reduce the federal deficit more gradually in the near term but more substantially in the longer run." □



**Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke testifies before the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee on Capitol Hill, in Washington, Feb. 26, 2013. During his testimony Tuesday, Bernanke said that the economy was growing at a "moderate if somewhat uneven pace."**

(Christopher Gregory/The New York Times)

ery" while keeping inflation in check.

The asset purchases and the interest-rate policy are designed to reduce borrowing costs for businesses and consumers. Bernanke said the recovery of the housing market and higher sales of automobiles, among other durable goods, demonstrated the benefit of the Fed's campaign.

Fed Gov. Jeremy C. Stein and some other Fed officials have expressed concern in recent months that low interest rates are encouraging excessive risk-

has given greater priority to financial regulation.

But he noted that low interest rates also were helping to strengthen the financial system, by encouraging companies to increase reliance on long-term funding, allowing debt levels to decline and strengthening growth. He added that he saw no reason to consider a change in course.

"To this point we do not see the potential costs of the increased risk-taking in some financial markets as outweighing the benefits of promoting a stronger economic recovery and

## Hagel Confirmed

Continued from front

Sen. John McCain, a Republican, clashed with his onetime friend over his opposition to President George W. Bush's decision to send an extra 30,000 troops to Iraq in 2007 at a point when the war seemed in danger of being lost.

Hagel, who voted to authorize military force in Iraq, later opposed the conflict, comparing it to Vietnam and arguing that it shifted the focus from Afghanistan.

McCain said several Republican lawmakers had "a lot of ill will" toward the moderate Republican for his criticism of Bush and his backing for Democratic candidates. McCain voted against Hagel.

Republicans also challenged Hagel about a May 2012 study that he co-authored for the advocacy group Global Zero, which called for an 80 percent reduction of U.S. nuclear weapons and the eventual elimination of all the world's nuclear arms.

In an echo of the 2012 presidential campaign, Hagel faced an onslaught of criticism by well-funded, Republican-leaning outside groups that labeled the former senator "anti-Israel" and pressured senators to oppose the nomination.

Opponents were particularly incensed by Hagel's use of the term "Jewish lobby" to refer to pro-Israel groups.

He apologized, saying he should have used another term and should not have said those groups have intimidated members of the Senate into favoring actions contrary to U.S. interests.

Hagel's nomination also became entangled in Republican demands for more information about the deadly assault on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya, last September. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans were killed in that attack. □



## Snowstorm blankets Midwest, barrels towards Chicago

Continued from front

He had been stranded since Monday evening at Beto Junction, about 80 miles southwest of Kansas City.

"The cars are stuck in the parking lot. Some of the trucks that tried to leave got stuck," he said. "I'm not leaving anytime soon." Up to 10 inches had fallen in and around Kansas City, Mo., by the time the snow tapered off before midday. Mayor Sly James declared a state of emergency.

For a second straight week, schoolchildren, government workers and others caught a break as most schools and office buildings were closed. Hospitals closed outpatient centers



Fresh snow covers Anish Kapoor's sculpture "Cloud Gate" in Chicago's Millennium Park, as a winter storm of rain and snow began on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013.

(AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast)

and urgent-care clinics. snow was not unusual for Although the amount of late February, the snow

was so heavy it stressed everything it fell on, especially the electrical grid. Power was slowly being restored as the thick clouds moved on. In the northwest Oklahoma town of Woodward, a person was killed after 15 inches of snow brought down part of a roof. The storm was also blamed for the deaths of two people who were killed in rollover crashes Monday on Interstate 70 in Kansas. Heavy snow pulled down large trees and caused roofs to cave in at businesses in Belton and Warrensburg, Mo., where 13 inches of snow piled up. In Columbia, a canopy over gas pumps collapsed at a convenience store.

By noon, the storm had arrived in the Great Lakes with a mixture of blowing snow, sleet and frigid rain that disrupted most forms of travel. Airlines canceled almost 500 flights at Chicago's O'Hare and Midway airports alone.

Elsewhere in Chicago, the heavy weather threatened to hold down voter turnout in a special election to choose the likely replacement for former Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. The city deployed extra resources to keep polls accessible. Its full fleet of 284 snowplows was out clearing pavement. The wintry mix also blew through Iowa, which had been expected to escape any serious snowfall. Parts of the state could now get as much as a foot. Fueled by a strong low pressure system, the crescent-shaped storm began Sunday in Texas, then headed north. It was expected to drop up to 6 inches of snow on Chicago before crawling east across Michigan toward northern New England.

Schools and major highways in the Texas Panhandle remained closed for a second day Tuesday. Interstate 27 reopened between Amarillo and Lubbock, about 120 miles to the south, but the Texas National Guard was still working to clear much of Interstate 40 from the Oklahoma border to the New Mexico state line. □

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## Christie backs federal funds to expand medicaid

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**TRENTON, N.J.** — Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey, who has been a strident critic of President Barack Obama's health care law, said Tuesday that he would accept federal money to expand the state's Medicaid program for the poor.

The decision, announced during his annual budget address here, makes Christie one of the most prominent Republican governors to embrace part of the health care law. In so doing, he enabled tens of thousands more people in New Jersey to receive insurance. "Let me be clear: I am no fan of the Affordable Care Act," Christie said. "I think it is wrong for New Jersey and for America. I fought against it and believe, in the long run, it will not achieve what it promises. However, it is now the law of the land. I will make all my judgments as governor based on what

is best for New Jerseyans." Christie, who has been viewed as a possible presidential contender but must first win re-election this year in a mostly Democratic state, portrayed the move as being based on practical



New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, right, and Utah Gov. Gary Herbert talk in the State Dining Room at the White House in Washington.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

cal considerations. Noting that under the law the federal government would pick up a greater share of state Medicaid costs, he said the federal money

would allow 104,000 more poor people to get much needed health services, and save New Jersey taxpayers approximately \$227 million in 2014. "Refusing these federal dollars does not mean that they won't

be spent," Christie said. "It just means that they will be used to expand health care access in New York, Connecticut, Ohio or somewhere else."

At the same time, Christie still sought to express his overall dismay with the law. Specifically, he pointed to his refusal to have the state set up insurance exchanges. "I twice vetoed saddling our taxpayers with the untold burden of establishing health exchanges," he said.

The announcement came a week after Gov. Rick Scott of Florida, a Republican and a former health care executive, reversed his previous position and decided to accept federal money to expand his state's Medicaid program.

## Official: Inmate kills guard at U.S. prison

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Associated Press

An inmate using a homemade weapon assaulted and killed a guard at a U.S. prison, the first fatal attack on a federal corrections officer in nearly five years, officials said.

Correctional Officer Eric Williams was working in a housing unit at the Canaan federal penitentiary in Pennsylvania when an inmate attacked him Monday night, according to prison officials. Other prison staff restrained the inmate, and Williams was rushed to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

"This is clearly the darkest day in our institution's short history, and we are in shock over this senseless loss of a colleague and friend," Warden David Ebbert said in a statement.

The last time a federal prison guard was killed on the job was June 2008 in California, the Bureau of Prisons said.

An autopsy revealed that Williams, 34, suffered blunt head and neck trauma and multiple stab wounds and cuts. Lackawanna County Coroner Timothy Rowland ruled Williams' death a homicide.

Officials did not immediately release details of the attack, including the inmate's name, the kind of weapon or what, if anything, led to it.

"There was just no reason, no reason at all," Williams' sister, Lauren Williams, told The Associated Press. "There wasn't a mean bone in him."

He was not confrontational at all. He's never been in a fight."

An FBI spokesman declined comment, saying details would be released when the inmate is charged. It wasn't immediately clear when that would happen. At least three inmates have been killed at the prison, which houses 1,350 high-security male inmates. □

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## Jury lands Florida Taliban terror support case

**CURT ANDERSON**

**AP Legal Affairs Writer**

**MIAMI (AP)** — A federal jury began deliberating Tuesday in the case of an elderly Muslim cleric accused of funneling tens of thousands of dollars to the Pakistani Taliban terrorist group. The 12-person federal court jury must decide whether 77-year-old Hafiz Khan, imam at a downtown Miami mosque, is guilty or innocent of conspiracy and providing material support to a foreign terrorist group. Prosecutors say Khan orchestrated sending of about \$50,000 from 2008 through 2010 to the Taliban,

which has attacked both U.S. and Pakistani interests. Jurors deliberated for almost five hours Tuesday before quitting for the night. They will return Wednesday. Hundreds of FBI recordings of conversations involving Khan, both on the telephone and in person with an FBI informant, leave little doubt about the imam's support for the Taliban and bank records clearly show the transactions, Assistant U.S. Attorney John Shipley told jurors. For example, the recordings show Khan praising the deaths of American soldiers in Afghanistan, Taliban attacks on Pakistan's

army and the failed 2010 bombing of New York's Times Square. “This is an organization that tried to kill people in New York City. You cannot send money to these people, no matter what you think the justification may be,” Shipley said. “You don't put a dime in the hands of terrorists.” Khan, who has been jailed since his May 2011 arrest, faces up to 15 years in prison on each of four counts. He testified in his own defense that the money he sent to Pakistan was for family members, business, for charity and for his religious school, or madrassa,

in his ancestral Swat Valley. While no fan of the Pakistani government, Khan insisted he was against the Taliban. “His intent had nothing to do with terrorism, nothing at all,” said Khan attorney Khurram Wahid. “What it is really all about is the innocent people of the village.” Khan also testified that he lied repeatedly to a man he thought was a Taliban supporter because the man had promised to give Khan \$1 million for needy people and the school. That man, Mahmood Siddiqui, turned out to be an FBI informant who wore a wire to record

their talks.

Shipley scoffed at that explanation, noting that Khan made similar comments in favor of the Taliban during phone calls with friends and family.

“That is an absurd story,” the prosecutor said.

The case began with six defendants indicted in May 2011 but ended with only Khan on trial. Two of Khan's sons, Izhar and Irfan, were previously cleared of all charges and three more defendants have remained free in Pakistan, which does not extradite its citizens to face U.S. criminal charges. □

## Where's the Beer?

### Suits: More water, less buzz in Bud, Michelob beer

**MARYCLAIRE DALE**

**Associated Press**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Beer lovers across the U.S. have accused Anheuser-Busch of watering down its Budweiser, Michelob and other brands, in lawsuits seeking millions in damages.

The suits were filed in Pennsylvania, California and other states on behalf of consumers allegedly cheated out of the beverage's stated alcohol content. Budweiser and Michelob each boast being 5 percent alcohol, while some “light” versions are said to be just over 4 percent.

Lead lawyer Josh Boxer of San Rafael, California, said Tuesday the suits are based on information from former employees at some of the company's 13 U.S. breweries. Boxer said water is added just before bottling, and cuts the stated alcohol content by 3 to 8 percent.

The multinational Anheuser-Busch InBev calls the claims groundless, and says its beers fully comply with labeling laws. □



Bud Light beer is shown in the aisles of Elite Beverages in Indianapolis. Beer lovers across the country have filed \$5 million class-action lawsuits accusing Anheuser-Busch of watering down its Budweiser, Michelob and other brands.

(AP Photo/Michael Conroy)

# To curtail lawsuits, city decides it's time to fight

**BENJAMIN WEISER**

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**NEW YORK** — The Bloomberg administration has embarked on an aggressive legal strategy intended to curtail the rising number of federal civil-rights lawsuits filed against New York. Instead of offering small settlements to avoid trial, the city started to identify weaker cases and has been contesting them in court, pushing many to trial.

The city said it was too early to judge whether the strategy, which began in July 2011, had discouraged lawyers from reflexively suing the city, but it believes the policy has had some effect: After five years where the number of federal civil-rights suits against the city had increased, the number declined slightly in the most recent fiscal year. The city also noted that the number of such suits that are dismissed or withdrawn before trial rose by about 75 percent in the first year after the policy went into effect.

Those cases had been typically viewed as not being worth the time or expense to fight in court. But city officials said they had concluded that while settling small-scale federal lawsuits might have been expedient, it did nothing to discourage lawyers from bringing marginal lawsuits. "You're sort of feeding the monster, if you will," said Michael A. Cardozo, the city's corporation counsel and top lawyer. "So we started saying to ourselves, 'Let's be more aggressive

here.'"

The city's Law Department directed its staff to identify civil-rights lawsuits that it believed were based on weak evidentiary or legal grounds, city lawyers said. Those cases were designated "no-pay" cases.

The city would seek to have such cases — which typically accuse the city of rights violations like false arrest, malicious prosecution or use of excessive force — withdrawn or dismissed, and where that failed, it would forgo settlement talks and push them to trial. Since then, the city says it has taken 20 no-pay cases to trial, winning 16 and losing three. (One resulted in a mistrial, which the city won when it was retried.)

"There's a saying that I will paraphrase: The definition of insanity is doing the same thing and expecting a different result," Muriel Goode-Trufant, a senior city lawyer, said. "In order to get a different result, we needed to try something different."

About 60 cases are currently pending trial; the city has declined to settle 52 of those cases, Goode-Trufant said recently.

She said the city had also begun pushing more cases to trial in which the plaintiff had rejected the city's last settlement offer. Over the past year and a half, she added, the city has won two-thirds of about 30 such trials that have been held.

"They're boasting about it, both to us and the court," said Gabriel P. Harvis, a plaintiff's lawyer whose firm was involved in three

of the recent trials. (The firm lost one, had a mistrial and, in a third, won \$600 in damages and collected \$78,000 in legal fees.)

In the past, Harvis added, "I think it was a foregone conclusion that there would be a settlement of virtually every case."

Another plaintiff's lawyer, Gerald M. Cohen, whose firm has been involved in

als but also beat the city twice, including winning a \$190,000 verdict in a false-arrest suit in which the judge also awarded \$208,000 in legal fees.

The city, which has appealed the verdict, said that case was an example of a lawsuit it pushed to trial after the plaintiff, Joshua Marshall, rejected its last offer. (One of Marshall's law-

are just a fraction of the 1,500 civil-rights lawsuits filed in federal court each year. Slightly more are filed annually in state court, where the policy does not now apply.

Nico Wisdom's case was one of 16 no-pay cases that the city had won. He was arrested in May 2010 in Brooklyn after the police said he had been serving



**Michael Cardozo, New York's corporation counsel, right, talks with Muriel Goode-Trufant, a senior city lawyer, in Cardozo's office in New York, Feb. 25, 2013. The city's legal strategy to reduce the number of civil-rights lawsuits brought against it by going to trial, rather than its former policy of offering small settlements, has produced mixed results. (Todd Heisler/The New York Times)**

four such trials, said the city's new approach had made him more selective about which lawsuits he brought. "I'll be honest: We kind of got fat and lazy," Cohen said. "We were settling all of these cases. But this actually forces us to do more, and creates the potential to be more successful for our clients and for ourselves."

Cohen's firm lost two tri-

yers, Jon L. Norinsberg, said that offer was for \$10,000.) "We would have settled that case for \$30,000," said Norinsberg, a former city lawyer, who criticized the city's strategy as "terribly misguided." "I think in the end, it's going to cost the city much more money than it's going to save," he added. The 50-some cases that the city has taken to trial under the new policy

as a lookout for another man who was accused of selling crack cocaine to an undercover detective, the lawsuit said. The charge against Wisdom was later adjourned in contemplation of dismissal, according to the civil-rights suit that he filed. Wisdom denied that he had committed a crime or that the police had probable cause to arrest him. □

## Justices scold Texas prosecutor for racial statement

**COREY KANE**

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**WASHINGTON** — Two U.S. Supreme Court justices — Sonia Sotomayor and Stephen Breyer — took the rare step of admonishing a federal prosecutor from Texas earlier this week after reading a racially inflammatory statement he made while questioning a defendant in a drug case.

Sam Ponder, an assistant U.S. attorney working in

San Antonio office of the western Texas district, invoked race and ethnicity at a 2011 trial.

"You've got African-Americans, you've got Hispanics, you've got a bag full of money. Does that tell you — a light bulb doesn't go off in your head and say, 'This is a drug deal?'" Ponder asked during cross-examination.

In an opinion written by Sotomayor, the two jus-

tices declared that "the prosecutor here tapped a deep and sorry vein of racial prejudice that has run through the history of criminal justice in our nation."

"It is deeply disappointing to see a representative of the United States resort to this base tactic more than a decade into the 21st century," Sotomayor and Breyer wrote. "We expect the Government to seek justice, not to fan the

flames of fear and prejudice."

Despite the controversy, the bottom line didn't change: The Supreme Court denied Charles Calhoun's appeal of his drug conviction. Calhoun had argued that the prosecutor's racial comments violated his constitutional right to equal protection under the law.

In a telephone interview, Ponder said he regret-

ted the way the question came out.

"I should have said you're in a room with a bunch of strangers," Ponder told the Houston Chronicle and San Antonio Express-News. Trial testimony indicated that Calhoun traveled from Houston to San Antonio with a friend and met another group in a hotel, where the defendant's friend exchanged a bag of money. □

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## New York Times backs AP lawsuit against Meltwater

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Newspaper Association of America, the New York Times Co. and several other newspaper companies have filed papers in support of a lawsuit filed by The Associated Press against Meltwater, a company that monitors the media for corporate customers. The AP sued Meltwater U.S. Holdings Inc. and its Meltwater News Service in U.S. District Court for the Southern District in Manhattan last February, alleging that the company copies AP content and sells it to clients without paying AP licensing fees. The Times and other companies, including USA Today publisher Gannett Co., Inc., The McClatchy Co. and Advance Publications, Inc., said in court papers filed late Monday that their businesses would be

jeopardized if Meltwater's activities were allowed to continue. The publishers argue that their websites and other digital businesses that generate revenue through advertising, subscriptions

and licensing fees are threatened if other companies can distribute their content without paying licensing fees. "None of these revenue streams can be sustained if

news organizations are unable to protect their news reports from the wholesale copying and redistribution by free-riders like Meltwater," the filing said.

Also joining in the friend-of-the-court brief was BurrellesLuce, a Meltwater competitor that says it is at a disadvantage because it pays to license content that Meltwater takes for free.

Meltwater did not immediately have a comment. Meltwater was founded in 2001 in Oslo, Norway. According to the company's website, it has more than 800 employees working in 55 offices around the world. The company says it monitors more than 162,000 online publications for its clients.

Its clipping service tracks media coverage of products and other activities.

Meltwater uses the information to help clients analyze the effectiveness of marketing and public relations campaigns.

In the filing, the AP's supporters argued that Meltwater's service differs from a search engine. The distinction could be important because search engines have legal protection from paying licensing fees if they merely point users to a location where information can be found. Meltwater tailors its clipping service to specific clients and copies the headline and lead paragraph of stories, the filing said.

Meltwater includes more content if the client requests it.

The AP's supporters also said Meltwater's service does not amount to "fair use" because it copies material without alteration, does not aid the public good and damages the market for copyrighted work.

Laura Malone, acting general counsel for the AP, said the news cooperative welcomed the support from the newspaper companies.

"It demonstrates that the media community stands together in recognizing that Meltwater's business of appropriating and selling media content cannot be excused as fair use and instead is infringing," she said.

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## Bipartisan agreement on more farm workers

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Republicans and Democrats said Tuesday that farmers should be allowed to hire foreign workers more easily as Congress reworks U.S. immigration laws. But there was some disagreement on how it should happen. Lawmakers and witnesses at a House Judiciary subcommittee hearing said the visa program that lets farmers hire foreign agricultural workers is so unwieldy it accounts for only a very small percentage of the hundreds of thousands of

farm workers hired in the U.S. Half or more of agriculture workers are here illegally, experts agree. These workers play a critical role to the U.S. economy and food supply, harvesting fruits and vegetables around the country. But growers said their productivity and ability to keep operations in the U.S. is threatened by difficulties ensuring a stable labor supply, and that must change. Meanwhile workers said they should get more protections and that farm workers should have the opportunity to obtain citizenship or at least perma-

nent legal status.

"It is a costly, time-consuming and flawed program," said Judiciary Chairman Bob Goodlatte, a Republican.

"If we are honest we must admit that Congress essentially left farmers with no choice but to hire undocumented workers.

Let's not fool ourselves," said Rep. Zoe Lofgren, a Democrat.

The existing program for temporary farmworkers — the H-2A visa — allows workers into the U.S. for 10 months at a time but growers complain that it is extremely bureaucratic and

pays artificially inflated wages. Some 55,000 H-2A visas were issued in 2011 compared to over a million workers on fields and farms. Goodlatte said there should be a new program to replace the existing one and ensure a "stable, legal agricultural workforce." But several Democrats said any changes should be made in the context of comprehensive changes to the nation's immigration laws that would provide a pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants already in the country, including eventual citizenship for farmworkers. □

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# Fiery balloon accident kills 19 tourists in Egypt

MAGGIE MICHAEL  
Associated Press

**LUXOR, Egypt (AP)** — The terror lasted less than two minutes: Smoke poured from a hot air balloon carrying sightseers on a sunrise flight over the ancient city of Luxor, it burst in a flash of flame and then plummeted

tocrat Hosni Mubarak. The southern city of Luxor has been hit hard, with vacant hotel rooms and empty cruise ships. It also prompted accusations that authorities have let safety standards decline amid the political turmoil and infighting, although

provide spectacular views of the ancient Karnak and Luxor temples and the Valley of the Kings, the burial ground of Tutankhamun and other pharaohs. According to initial indications, the balloon was in the process of landing after 7 a.m. when a cable got

ity because they were not authorized to talk to the media. One of those on fire was a visibly pregnant woman, he said.

Amateur video taken from another balloon and shown on Al-Jazeera Mubasher television showed the balloon's final moments. Smoke is seen rising for several seconds from the gondola, silhouetted against the risen sun.

The balloon itself catches fire with a flash, and in an instant, it bursts and falls as a fireball to the ground, trailing smoke. Egyptians on the balloon filming the scene can be heard crying and gasping in horror at the sight.

The bodies of the tourists were scattered across the field around the remnants of the balloon, as rescue officials collected the remains.

The crash immediately killed 18, according to Luxor Gov. Ezzat Saad. Two Britons and the pilot were taken to a hospital, but one of the Britons died of his injuries soon after.

Among the dead were nine tourists from Hong Kong, four Japanese — including a couple in their 60s — two French, a Belgian and a second Briton, according to Egyptian officials, although there were conflicting reports on the nationality of the 19th victim. □



Egyptian policemen stand guard at the site of the balloon accident, in Luxor, Egypt, Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013. A hot air balloon flying over Egypt's ancient city of Luxor caught fire and crashed into a sugar cane field on Tuesday, killing at least 19 foreign tourists in one of the world's deadliest ballooning accidents and handing a new blow to Egypt's ailing tourism industry.

(AP Photo/Nasser Nasser)

about 1,000 feet to earth. A farmer watched helplessly as tourists trying to escape the blazing gondola leaped to their deaths. Nineteen people were killed Tuesday in what appeared to be the deadliest hot air ballooning accident on record. A British tourist and the Egyptian pilot, who was badly burned, were the sole survivors. The tragedy raised worries of another blow to the nation's vital tourism industry, decimated by two years of unrest since the 2011 revolution that toppled au-

civil aviation officials said the balloon had been inspected recently and that the pilot may have been to blame, jumping out rather than stopping the fire. Authorities suspended hot air balloon flights, a popular tourist attraction here, while investigators determined the cause. The balloon was carrying 20 tourists — from France, Britain, Belgium, Japan and Hong Kong — and an Egyptian pilot on a flight over Luxor, 510 kilometers (320 miles) south of Cairo, officials said. The flights

caught around a helium tube and a fire erupted, according to an investigator with the state prosecutor's office. The balloon then ascended rapidly, the investigator said. The fire detonated a gas canister and the balloon plunged about 300 meters (1,000 feet) to the ground, crashing in a sugar cane field outside al-Dhabaa village just west of Luxor, a security official said. Both the investigator and the security official spoke on condition of anonym-

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# Benedict to be called 'emeritus pope,' clothed in white

**NICOLE WINFIELD**

**Associated Press**

**VATICAN CITY (AP)** — Two pontiffs, both wearing white, both called "pope" and living a few yards from one another, with the same key aide serving them.

The Vatican's announcement Tuesday that Pope Benedict XVI will be known as "emeritus pope" in his retirement, be called "Your Holiness" and continue to wear the white cassock associated with the papacy has fueled concerns about potential conflicts arising from the peculiar reality now facing the Catholic Church: having one reigning and one retired pope. Benedict's title and what he will wear have been a major source of speculation since the 85-year-old pontiff stunned the world and announced he would resign Thursday, the first pope to do so in 600 years. There has been good reason why popes haven't stepped down in past centuries, given the possibility for divided allegiances and even schism. But the Vatican insists that while the situation created by Benedict's retirement is certainly unique, no major conflicts will arise.

"According to the evolution of Catholic doctrine and mentality, there is only one pope. Clearly it's a new situation, but I don't think there will be problems," Giovanni Maria Vian, the editor of the Vatican news-

paper L'Osservatore Romano, said in an interview. Critics aren't so sure. Some Vatican-based cardinals have privately grumbled that it will make it more difficult for the next pope with Benedict still around.

Swiss theologian Hans Kueing, Benedict's one-time colleague-turned-critic, went further: "With Benedict XVI, there is a risk of a shadow pope who has ab-

dicated but can still indirectly exert influence," he told Germany's Der Spiegel magazine last week.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said Tuesday that Benedict himself decided on his name and wardrobe in consultation with others, settling on "Your Holiness Benedict XVI" and either "emeritus pope" or "emeritus Roman pontiff."



**People walk past portraits of Pope Benedict XVI on display at a bookshop near the Vatican, Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013. Pope Benedict XVI will be known as "emeritus pope" in his retirement and will continue to wear a white cassock, the Vatican announced Tuesday, again fueling concerns about potential conflicts arising from having both a reigning and a retired pope. (AP Photo/Dmitry Lovetsky)**

Lombardi said he didn't know why Benedict had decided to drop his other main title: bishop of Rome. In the two weeks since Benedict's resignation announcement, Vatican officials had suggested that Benedict would likely resume wearing the traditional black garb of a cleric and would use the title "emeritus bishop of Rome" to avoid creating confusion with the future pope. Adding to the concern is that Benedict's trusted secretary, Archbishop Georg Gaenswein, will be serving both pontiffs — living with Benedict at the monastery being converted for him inside Vatican grounds while keeping his day job as prefect of the new pope's household.

Asked about the potential for conflict, Lombardi was defensive, saying the decisions had been clearly reasoned and were likely chosen for the sake of simplicity. "I believe it was well thought out," he said.

Benedict himself has made clear he is retiring to a lifetime of prayer and meditation "hidden from the world." However, he still will be very present in the tiny Vatican city-state, where his new home is right next door to the Vatican Radio transmission tower and has a lovely view of the dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

Kueng said it was a mistake for Gaenswein to serve both men and for Benedict

to remain so close to the center of action.

"No priest likes it if his predecessor sits next to the rectory and watches everything he does," Kueng was quoted as saying in Der Spiegel. "And even for the bishop of Rome, it is not pleasant if his predecessor constantly has an eye on him."

However, others reasoned that Benedict's retirement plans and title were in keeping with those of other retired heads of state.

"I was somewhat surprised that Benedict would still be called 'His Holiness' and would wear white, but it's akin to the former U.S. presidents being addressed as 'Mr. President,'" said the Rev. James Martin, a Jesuit writer and editor. "It's a mark of respect for the former office he once held."

"Overall, I don't think that after the conclave there will be any doubt about who the pope is, or who is in charge," he said.

While Benedict will no longer wear his trademark red shoes, he has taken a liking to a pair of hand-crafted brown loafers made for him by artisans in Leon, Mexico, and given to him during his 2012 visit. He will wear those in retirement, Lombardi said.

Lombardi also elaborated on the College of Cardinals meetings that will take place after the papacy becomes vacant — crucial gatherings in which cardinals will discuss the problems facing the church and set a date for the start of the conclave to elect Benedict's successor. The first meeting isn't expected until Monday, Lombardi said, since the official convocation to cardinals to come to Rome will only go out on Friday — the first day of what's known as the "sede vacante," or the vacancy between papacies. In all, 115 cardinals under the age of 80 are expected in Rome for the conclave to vote on who should become the next pope. Two other eligible cardinals have already said they are not coming, one from Britain and another from Indonesia. □

## Amsterdam to raise legal age for prostitutes

**TOBY STERLING**

**Associated Press**

**AMSTERDAM (AP)** — Amsterdam plans to raise the minimum age for prostitutes from 18 to 21 and force brothels to close during early morning hours.

At a press conference Tuesday, mayor Eberhard van der Laan said the moves came from a decision to crack down on crime in the city's famed Red Light District and protect sex workers — mostly women — from abuse.

Amsterdam is home to about 8,000 professional sex workers, the city esti-

mates, half of them who operate behind windows with red velvet curtains and red lights. Van der Laan said under the new regime, all windows would be closed from 4 a.m. to 9 a.m. Prostitution was legalized in the Netherlands in 2000. It has been tolerated in Amsterdam since the 1600s, when the spice trade made it one of the world's wealthiest port cities. But the city has been tightening its rules since 2006 and shuttered a third of its brothel windows from 2007 to 2009. Van der Laan said the city intends to in-

troduce the new measures by July.

"We think the situation is so grave that we have to act," he told reporters. He said young prostitutes were particularly vulnerable because they were often groomed by pimps who force them into service when they turn 18. He said the city's first priority was to keep women from being pushed into prostitution and its second was to help those who wish to exit the profession.

Other measures he plans to introduce include forcing all brothel owners to

submit a business plan.

The Dutch tolerance of prostitution has always been a subject of debate, and after it was legalized, city officials realized that move had not served to reduce abuses. A proposed new national law would create a database of registered prostitutes, but it has never been passed by Parliament.

Dutch officials are now studying Sweden's prostitution laws as a possible model. Swedish law criminalizes only visiting prostitutes and does not punish the prostitutes themselves. □



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# First Gaza rocket in 3 months rattles cease-fire

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**Associated Press**

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Gaza militants on Tuesday fired a rocket into Israel for the first time in three months, rattling a cross-border truce that has held since Israel's military offensive against the Hamas-run territory.

Israel closed Gaza's main cargo crossing until further notice, an apparent warning to Gaza's Hamas rulers to clamp down on rocket squads.

"Quiet will be met with quiet, missiles will be met with a response," said Israeli President Shimon Peres, adding that he believes both sides "have a deep interest in lowering the flames."

Militants claiming affiliation with the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a violent offshoot of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah, movement took responsibility. They said in an email to journalists that they fired the rocket to avenge the death of a Palestinian in Israeli custody. It was impossible to independently verify the claim of responsibility.

The detainee, Arafat Jaradat, 30, died over the weekend after interrogation by Israel's Shin Bet security services. Palestinian officials, citing an autopsy, said the detainee was tortured, while Israel says more tests are needed to determine the cause of death. U.N. political chief Jeffrey Feltman called for an independent investigation into Jaradat's death. He also called the rocket fire from Gaza "troubling" and appealed to Israel to "exercise maximum restraint."

Jaradat's death has sparked protests in the West Bank, including near the town of Bethlehem on Monday. Two Palestinian teens, ages 13 and 16, were wounded in a confrontation with Is-

raeli soldiers. The older boy was transferred to Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital after being shot in the head and was in critical condition Tuesday, hooked up to a respirator, officials said.

The rocket from Gaza landed south of the Israeli city of Ashkelon early Tuesday, said police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld. The rocket caused damage to a road but no injuries, he said. It was the first rocket fired from Gaza since Israel's military offensive against rocket squads in the coastal strip last November. The Hamas militant group has ruled Gaza since ousting

spokesman Ehab Ghusein denied a rocket was fired, indicating Hamas was trying to distance itself from the incident. In the past, militant splinter groups have fired rockets at times when Hamas tried to discourage such attacks. Hamas has enforced an Egyptian-brokered cease-fire that ended eight days of fighting with Israel in November, when Gaza militants fired hundreds of rockets at Israel as the Israeli air force pounded targets in Gaza.

Israel's closing of the Kerem Shalom cargo crossing with Gaza appeared aimed at pressuring Hamas to prevent further rocket fire. Kerem Shalom is the main conduit for goods into Gaza, though smuggling of goods from Egypt through tunnels continues. Under the cease-fire, Israel pledged to increase the movement of goods into Gaza, which has been subject to an Israeli blockade since the Hamas takeover. Until Tuesday's closure, Israel was permitting most consumer items into the coastal strip. □

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Israeli border policemen fire tear gas during clashes after the funeral of Arafat Jaradat in the West Bank of Hebron.  
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forces loyal to Abbas in 2007. Over the past decade, Gaza militants have fired thousands of rockets and mortar shells at Israel, and Israel has responded with military strikes. In between periods of cross-border violence, informal cease-fires have taken hold.

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## Cuba says cigar sales last year hit \$416 million

**HAVANA (AP)** — Cuban cigar sales rose last year despite the ongoing economic crisis in some of the most important European markets including No. 1 buyer Spain, state-run tobacco company officials said Tuesday.

Sales totaled \$416 million in 2012, Habanos SA representatives told reporters at a smoky press conference held to kick off Cuba's Cigar Festival in a Havana convention center. That was up from \$401 million the previous year.

Some 1,500 participants from 70 countries were attending the island's 15th annual stogie-fest, which will include a sommelier contest, an exhibition of tobacco-infused cooking and an auction of humidors that can fetch hundreds of thousands of dollars apiece.

Officials are also trying out a humidor raffle this year with 1,000 tickets being sold at \$100 a pop and the proceeds benefitting Cuba's health system.

German tennis great Boris Becker, Cuban crooner Omara Portuondo and a trio of former NBA players including Seattle Supersonics star Gary Payton are among the announced celebrity invitees.

Spain, which is currently suffering from a 26 percent unemployment rate, continues to be the top importer of Cuban cigars, although officials said sales there were hurt by economic woes.

That was offset by a 6 percent uptick in China, the No. 3 buyer and an increasingly important market for cigars. □

# Reef 'seeding' reviving Caribbean's coral

**DAVID McFADDEN**

**Associated Press**

**ORACABESSA BAY, Jamaica (AP)** — Mats of algae and seaweed have shrouded the once thick coral in shallow reefs off Jamaica's north coast.

Warm ocean waters have bleached out the coral, and in a cascade of ecological decline, the sea urchins and plant-eating reef fish have mostly vanished, replaced by snails and worms that bore through coral skeletons.

Now, off the shores of Jamaica, as well as in Caribbean islands from Bonaire

to St. Croix, conservationists are planting fast-growing coral species to try and turn things around by "seeding" reefs. The strategy has doubters, with one expert joking that prayer might be as effective, but conservationists say the problem is so catastrophic that inaction is not an option.

According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature, live coral coverage on Caribbean reefs is down to an average of just 8 percent, from 50 percent in the 1970s. Lenford Dacosta grew up in the north Jamaican fishing village of Oracabessa Bay and spear-fished the waters for most of his 46 years. Now he is part of a crew that tends to a small coral nursery in a fish sanc-

tuary, hoping to revitalize the reef that sustained his village, whose shoreline is now dominated by ritzy resorts. "I used to think that children would only hear about coral reefs and fish in books," said Dacosta, expressing hope that his work will yield fruit. Seascope Caribbean, the fledgling company that employs Dacosta and touts itself as the region's first and only private coral restoration business, uses low-tech coral nurseries consisting of buoys and weights with small frag-

ments of staghorn coral suspended from them on strings. The fragments grow on the strings until bits of tannish coral with the beginnings of antler-like branches are ready to be planted onto reefs. Other specialists grow coral fragments on concrete pedestals placed on the seabed. Advocates say the reef restoration work, focused on the region's fast-growing but threatened staghorn and elkhorn coral species, can boost rates of recovery and improve the outlook for coral. The efforts will never resurrect the vibrant reefs of 50 years ago, they acknowledge, but they believe they can help preserve some of a reef's functionality and beauty.

"Coral cover is getting a little better here and I believe it will keep improving in the gardened areas," said Andrew Ross, a Canadian marine biologist and entrepreneur who founded Seascope Caribbean. Reef-building coral is a tiny polyp-like animal that builds a calcium-carbonate shell around itself and survives in a symbiotic relationship with certain types of algae. Its reefs serve as vital spawning and feeding grounds for numerous marine creatures. It comes in some 1,500 known species, ranging from soft, undulating fans to those

the Caribbean has a multibillion-dollar beach tourism and commercial fishing economy. In Jamaica alone, reef fisheries support up to 20,000 fishermen.

Caribbean coral has deteriorated so badly in recent decades that a new report from a team of international scientists says that the rocky structures of the reefs are on the threshold of gradual erosion.

"The Caribbean, as a whole region, seems to be in a very poor state," said Chris Perry, a geography professor at the University of Exeter who led the regional coral research.

In the face of this decline, some coral specialists and conservationists say passive inaction would be a grave mistake. They argue that the results of the nascent coral restoration work will be seen in coming years.

In the U.S. Virgin Islands, scientists with The Nature Conservancy have reared some 2,500 coral colonies and transplanted over 1,000 fragments to local reefs with the aid of U.S. stimulus money. In the Dominican Republic, the Puntacana Ecological Foundation in the thriving tourist town of Punta Cana has planted some 1,200 fragments of Acropora coral, a genus that includes staghorn and elkhorn.

"What started as an experiment to protect the endangered Acropora species has become one of the largest nurseries in the Caribbean and a laboratory for other resorts and researchers to conduct restoration work," said Jake Kheel, the foundation's environmental director.

The Key Largo, Florida-based Coral Restoration Foundation, a pioneer in efforts to revitalize stressed reefs, has helped the Dutch Caribbean island of Bonaire set up coral nurseries. Meanwhile, in southern Jamaica, researchers are feeding low-voltage electricity to young coral to try and spur growth, a method that has been used in places like Indonesia and Malaysia. □



**A diver works on a coral reef restoration program in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Caribbean islands ranging from Bonaire to the U.S. Virgin Islands, conservationists are rearing and planting fast-growing coral species to try and turn things around by "seeding" reefs.**

**(AP Photo/Victor Galvan)**

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with hard skeletons that form reef bases. But across the globe, reefs that have proven resilient for thousands of years are in serious decline, degraded by overfishing, pollution, coastal development and warming ocean waters. And threats to coral are only expected to intensify as a result of climate change and ocean acidification due to greenhouse gases. The stakes couldn't be higher along the Caribbean Sea, which has nearly 8,000 square miles (20,720 sq. kilometers) of coral reefs.

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Since groundbreaking, Tuscany Residence Aruba has enjoyed an unprecedented reception and indications are that this trend will

continue through the sell-out phase of the project. The project is currently fully fenced, the model house is open and the first houses are hand over to the new owners. With all infrastructures for utilities in place and the terrain parceled and marked, Tuscany Residence is gearing up to the high-season of 2013.

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get you there. Tuscany Residence Aruba condominiums and villas are offered at pre-construction prices. At this moment they have a special offer on the two bedroom en two bathroom condominiums which is very attractive. While the world is recovering from the recent economic decline, Aruba's real estate market continues to offer great investment opportunities to those prepared to take the plunge, and go ahead and live their dreams. □





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## Balkenende during the Ernst & Young "Young Entrepreneurs" Event: Profiling Aruba as a sustainable island offers many opportunities

**ORANJESTAD** - "Aruba is the island of tourism, and the refinery, but I think that it is good to look as well into other activities which help build a very strong economic profile," said Prof. Jan Peter Balkenende. He underlined that it is of great importance that Aruba has a profile describing its goals for economic development. The choice of Aruba for the theme sustainability and to profile itself as a sustainable island offers the island also many opportunities, according to Balkenende. Sustainability can be connected to tourism, but for example also to the financial sector, to innovation,


to technology, the former Dutch prime minister explained. The research he collaborated on shows that there are many opportunities for Aruba, which means that the island must focus on what it wants to achieve. In other words, concerted actions are necessary to ensure that the necessary knowledge is generated. Knowledge in the areas of tourism and sustainability has to be increased, and Balkenende mentions that it is therefore of importance to establish ties with centers of expertise such as universities and businesses. An institute such as TNO for example, which has been active on



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Aruba with clear goals for some time in the area of research, is therefore also very important. Liaisons with countries such as Brazil, where much work is being done in the area of sustainability, are important. Aruba has to consider where the island can work together with other countries. Balkenende stated that Aruba has a well-defined profile with which it can assume an important position in the region. Aruba will not be able to function that easily as a transit port, but will be able to excel in certain areas, for example in the area of sustainability. Sustainability can be brought into action in tour-

ism. And thus this specific connection can make Aruba more interesting to the countries in the region, said Balkenende. In regards to the completed research, Balkenende explains that the refinery is always dependent on a foreign investor and thus it is so important to seek other economic pillars in addition to tourism and the refinery. During the research process the different prospects that could serve to diversify the economy of Aruba and so strengthen the economic future of Aruba, were considered. Balkenende sees opportunities for this since Aruba has a good profile, and a good foundation. □



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**PALM BEACH** - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring two very nice couples whom are loyal and friendly Visitors of Aruba, at the Holiday Inn Beach Resort, as Ambassadors of Goodwill. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 20-or-more consecutive years. The honorees were Arthur and Beverly Simon from Cliffside Park NJ, and George and Shirley Dahlke from Ossining, NY. Both couples love the Island very much and are loyal guests from the Holiday Inn Resort. They love the friendly people of Aruba, the weather, beaches, restaurants, and Aruba feels like a second home and the people are like a family to them. The certificate was presented by Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Brenda



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## Media rave about Reese Witherspoon's Louis Vuitton classique Hollywood look for 85th Oscars

**ORANJESTAD / LOS ANGELES** - An explosion of raving reviews followed Reese Witherspoon as she walked the Red Carpet at Sunday's 85th Academy Awards. She left a trail of "ooohs" and "aaahs", being called "one hot mama!", "a vision of Old Hollywood glam" and "beauty in blue", by renowned fashion bloggers, critics and reporters. The most charming fashion story of this year's Oscars, was Witherspoon's revelation to media that it was her daughter Ava who fell in love with the Louis Vuitton design. And after choosing her dress, she did not hesitate to rely on Louis Vuitton Maison to complement the Klein blue silk faille with black trim and bow signature strapless gown with the minimalistic and truly perfect accessories. The evening gown was made in the atelier in Paris and reveals the unique savoir-faire of the Maison's atelier in Paris.

Reese Witherspoon wore a ring in white gold, onyx and diamonds from the L'Ame du Voyage collection and white gold and diamond earrings and bracelet from the Voyage dans le Temps collection. Ava got her well deserved share of kudos for her fine taste, being called "genius" and "fashionista" by different writers. Reese told reporters: "I'm wearing Louis Vuitton...I just loved the color. My daughter and I picked it out. She said, 'This is a winner!' She's 13, so she definitely weighs in... I have one designer going on." All agreed, and Perez Hilton resumed it perfectly in his very positive review with, "We wouldn't change a thing! This one is definitely a red carpet win!" Louis Vuitton's creations are sold in exclusive locations worldwide, including Aruba's Renaissance Mall, where the latest in accessories and fashion is on display, soon including precious

pieces from the classic, much commented Spring Summer 2013 collection. □



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**ORANJESTAD-** Benjamin Petrocchi, a true native Aruban started the newest export product of Aruba, locally produced hand rolled cigars called "Aruhiba". These cigars are produced and cultivated in Aruba. Petrocchi always had a interest in the cigar business and has also sold Premium Cuban Cigars, and now he is growing his own tobacco crops. After many attempts and trips to Santo Domingo and Cuba, he started his own production and cultivation of Aruhiba Cigars in Aruba. The whole process took him 10 years to perfect. Petrocchi dedication to the cigars is important for the moulding and process of making a

perfect cigar which takes a long time. Their handmade cigar box is specially designed with their "Aruhiba" logo. Petrocchi considers Aruhiba as a promotion for Aruba through its fine cigars. The company sells Aruhiba to the international markets as well. Visit their retail store located in front of the Historic Dutch Windmill in front of the Westin Resort, with any purchase of \$20 and up you receive a free "Aruhiba" cigar or ask for their gift box of 5 cigars get 1 FREE for only \$37. They open from Monday to Saturday from 9 am till 6:30 pm and on Sundays from 9 am to 1 pm. Aruhiba cigars are now available at the gift stores in your resort and at well-known cigar stores. For their complete selection and attractive by the box prices visit their retail store. Tours are also available at their Tobacco farm where their cigars are grown and rolled.



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Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski reacts during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against North Carolina in Durham, N.C., Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013.

Associated Press

## Krzyzewski again says he won't be back as U.S. coach

By BRIAN MAHONEY  
AP Basketball Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** - Mike Krzyzewski said again Tuesday he doesn't plan to return as U.S. men's basketball coach after leading the Americans to two Olympic gold medals. Saying "my stance hasn't changed," Krzyzewski told ESPN Radio he expects USA Basketball to name a new coach this summer. The Hall of Fame Duke coach said during and after last summer's Olympics that he wasn't planning to return to the position he's held with the national team since 2005. However, he still hasn't confirmed that decision with USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo, who has said they will talk after the college season.

"I've loved, loved, loved, and it's been an honor being with the USA Basketball team," Krzyzewski said in the interview.

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## Pierce lifts road-weary Celtics over Jazz in OT

Boston Celtics' Jeff Green (8) goes to the basket as Utah Jazz's DeMarre Carroll (3) and Enes Kanter (0) defend in the second quarter during an NBA basketball game, Monday, Feb. 25, 2013, in Salt Lake City.

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# AP source: Tom Brady gets 3-year extension

By BARRY WILNER  
AP Pro Football Writer  
Tom Brady will be a Patriot until he is 40 years old. Brady agreed to a three-year contract extension with New England on Monday, a person familiar with the contract told The Associated Press.  
The extension is worth about \$27 million and will free up nearly \$15 million in salary cap room for the team, which has several younger players it needs to re-sign or negotiate new deals with.  
The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the extension has not been announced. Sports Illustrated first reported the extension.  
The 35-year-old two-time league MVP was signed



In this Dec. 2, 2012, file photo, New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady looks for a receiver during the second half of an NFL football game against the Miami Dolphins in Miami.

Associated Press

through 2014, and has said he wants to play at least five more years. A three-time Super Bowl champion, Brady will make far less in those three seasons than the going rate for

star quarterbacks. Brady currently has a four-year, \$72 million deal with \$48 million guaranteed. Drew Brees and Peyton Manning are the NFL's highest-paid quarterbacks,

at an average of \$20 million and \$18 million a year, respectively. Brady has made it clear he wants to finish his career with the Patriots, whom he led to Super Bowl wins for the 2001, 2003 and 2004 seasons, and losses in the big game after the 2007 and 2011 seasons. By taking less money in the extension and redoing his current contract, he's hopeful New England can surround him with the parts to win more titles. Among the Patriots' free agents are top receiver Wes Welker and his backup, Julian Edelman; right tackle Sebastian Vollmer; cornerback Aqib Talib; and running back Danny Woodhead. Brady has been the most successful quarterback of his era, of course, as well as one of the NFL's best leaders. His skill at running the no-huddle offense is

unsurpassed, and he's easily adapted to the different offensive schemes New England has concentrated on through his 13 pro seasons. The Patriots have gone from run-oriented in Brady's early days to a deep passing team with Randy Moss to an offense dominated by throws to tight ends, running backs and slot receivers. Brady holds the NFL record for touchdown passes in a season with 50 in 2007, when the Patriots went 18-0 before losing the Super Bowl to the Giants. He has thrown for at least 28 touchdowns seven times and led the league three times. Last season, Brady had 34 TD passes and eight interceptions as the Patriots went 12-4, leading the league with 557 points, 76 more than runner-up Denver. □

## Krzyzewski

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"And to coach the team and work with Jerry these seven years has been marvelous. "And we're in a good spot," Krzyzewski added. "We need to keep building." Krzyzewski led the Americans to Olympic gold in 2008 and 2012, and a world basketball championship in 2010. The Americans also won bronze in the 2006 worlds, their first tournament under his guidance, and haven't lost a game since. The Americans automatically qualified for the 2014 World Cup of Basketball in Spain by winning gold in London. Colangelo originally said he planned to name a new coach around the new year, but put off those plans so he could talk to Krzyzewski once the Blue Devils' season was finished. The delay created speculation Krzyzewski was open to a return, but he told ESPN Radio that USA Basketball wouldn't make an

announcement during the season, anyway. If Krzyzewski is indeed finished, Colangelo will first have to determine if he wants to stay with a college coach or go back to someone from the NBA. Before Krzyzewski, the Americans had been led by someone from the pros since 1992, when NBA players were first allowed to play in the Olympics. But after a bronze medal finish in 2004, two years after an embarrassing sixth-place performance in the worlds, Colangelo was given control of USA Basketball and hired Krzyzewski, who has been on the staff of 12 U.S. teams since 1979. He got the Americans back on top with a thrilling victory over Spain in Beijing, then committed to return for another three-year stint the following year. The Americans' victory in Istanbul in 2010 was their first world title since 1994, and they won even though none of the '08 gold medalists returned. □

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## NBA Capsules

# Chandler leads Nuggets past Lakers, 119-108

**The Associated Press**

**DENVER (AP)** — Wilson Chandler scored 23 points in place of an injured Danilo Gallinari, and Ty Lawson added 22 in the Denver Nuggets' 119-108 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Monday night.

Gallinari, the Nuggets' leading scorer, sat out with a bruised left thigh. He wasn't needed as the Nuggets won their ninth straight game at home, snapped the Lakers' four-game winning streak and took the season series from their long-time nemesis 3-1. The Lakers, who were shut out on the offensive glass in the first half, wanted to slow down the Nuggets but Denver outscored Los Angeles 33-3 in fast-break points.

Kobe Bryant led the Lakers with 29 points, and Dwight Howard added 15 points and 14 boards but missed 11 of his last 12 free throws. CELTICS 110, JAZZ 107, OT SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Paul Pierce scored 26 points, including seven straight in overtime, and Boston beat Utah to close out a five-game road trip.

Pierce had a chance to win it in regulation, but his 19-footer at the buzzer rimmed out.

Courtney Lee made two free throws with 1.2 seconds left in overtime to bump Boston's lead to three, and Randy Foye's 26-footer at the buzzer missed everything.

Avery Bradley added a season-high 18 points for Boston.

Gordon Hayward led Utah with 26 points, Paul Millsap had 16 and Al Jefferson finished with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

HAWKS 114, PISTONS 103 AUBURN HILLS, Michigan (AP) — Al Horford had 23 points and 22 rebounds, and Atlanta beat Detroit for its fifth win in six games. Josh Smith added 23 points for the Hawks, who were ahead 61-51 at half-time and led by as many as 26 in the third quarter. The Pistons have lost three

straight, all without guard Brandon Knight, who has a hyperextended right knee. Will Bynum was also out Monday because of a suspension.

Jeff Teague had 20 points for Atlanta, which shot 14 of 33 from 3-point range. Kyle Korver scored 15 points, all from beyond the arc.

Rodney Stuckey led Detroit with 22 points, and Jonas Jerebko added 21.

WIZARDS 90, RAPTORS 84 TORONTO (AP) — Bradley Beal scored 20 points, Nene had 11 points and nine rebounds, and Washington beat Toronto for its third straight victory.

A.J. Price and Martell Webster each added 12 points for the Wizards, who won for just the fifth time in 27 road games this season. Washington's road record is the worst in the NBA.

John Wall had 10 points and seven assists, and Emeka Okafor had eight points and 13 rebounds as the Wizards won for the 14th time in 23 games. □



Boston Celtics' Kevin Garnett (5) guards Utah Jazz's Al Jefferson (25) in the first quarter during an NBA basketball game, Monday, Feb. 25, 2013, in Salt Lake City.

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## NHL Capsules

# Blackhawks' streak at 19 after OT win over Oilers

**The Associated Press**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Marian Hossa scored 1:44 into overtime and the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Edmonton Oilers 3-2 on Monday night to stretch their NHL-record opening points streak to 19 games.

Patrick Sharp set up the winning goal with a quick turn along the boards and a drive to the goal that led to two stops by Nikolai Khabibulin. Hossa picked up the second rebound and was again stuffed by Khabibulin before he poked it in for his ninth goal of the season.

Patrick Kane and Viktor Stalberg also scored for Chicago (16-0-3), which has won six straight and nine of 10. Ray Emery made 17 saves to remain unbeaten in eight starts this season.

Nail Yakupov and Jeff Petry had the goals for Edmonton, which carried a 2-1 lead into the third period but couldn't hold on for its fourth consecutive victory over the Blackhawks. Khabibulin had 31 stops in the opener of the Oilers' franchise-record, nine-game road trip.

**KINGS 5, DUCKS 2**



**Chicago Blackhawks right wing Marian Hossa, of Slovakia, celebrates along the boards with fans after scoring the winning goal during overtime of an NHL hockey game against the Edmonton Oilers, Monday, Feb. 25, 2013, in Chicago. The Blackhawks won 3-2.**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Slava Voynov scored the go-ahead goal in the third period and Los Angeles beat Anaheim for its fourth consecutive victory while snapping the Ducks' six-game winning streak.

Dustin Brown added a goal and his 200th career assist, and Anze Kopitar had three assists to help the

Kings win for the sixth time in seven games. Jonathan Quick stopped 24 shots. Anaheim's 30-year-old rookie, Viktor Fasth, made 20 saves in the loss after winning his first eight NHL games, the longest streak in the league this season. Jake Muzzin, Jeff Carter and Dustin Penner also scored for the Kings.

**Associated Press**  
Andrew Coglian and Saku Koivu scored for the Ducks. **SENATORS 2, CANADIENS 1, SO**

**OTTAWA (AP)** — Peter Regin scored in the fifth round of the shootout and Ben Bishop made 44 saves in regulation and overtime, leading Ottawa to a win over Montreal.

Jakob Silfverberg also

scored in the shootout, while David Desharnais replied for Montreal.

After Regin gave the Senators the lead in the shootout, Bishop stopped Tomas Plekanec to secure Ottawa's season-high fifth straight win. Regin had a chance to end the game late in OT but his slap shot hit the post behind Canadiens goaltender Carey Price, who finished with 23 saves. Dave Dziurzynski had a goal in regulation for the Senators.

Andrei Markov scored for the Canadiens.

**MAPLE LEAFS 4, FLYERS 2**  
**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Phil Kessel, Nikolai Kulemin, Mikhail Grabovski and Jay McClement scored to lead Toronto to a win over Philadelphia.

Ben Scrivens made 23 saves for Toronto, which survived a double-minor against leading scorer James van Riemsdyk in the third period. Van Riemsdyk, who was drafted with the second overall pick in the 2007 draft by the Flyers and played three seasons with them before being traded, was held scoreless in his return to Philadelphia. □

## Penguins place Malkin on injured reserve

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Pittsburgh Penguins center Evgeni Malkin has been named as an injured reserve with a concussion. The team announced the move Monday, saying it was retroactive to Feb. 22. The NHL's reigning Most Valuable Player was diagnosed with a concussion on Sunday, two days after he slammed back-first into the end boards during a win over Florida. Malkin, whose head snapped back when he hit the boards, initially suffered short-term memory loss, but is improving, coach Dan Bylsma said on Sunday.

The Russian has four goals and 21 points in 18 games. □



**Pittsburgh Penguins center Evgeni Malkin skates to the locker room during the third period of an NHL hockey game against the Florida Panthers in Pittsburgh on Friday, Feb. 22, 2013.**  
**Associated Press**

## Bolt to compete in 200m at in Paris in July

**PARIS (AP)** — Usain Bolt will race in the 200 meters at the Areva Meeting in Paris on July 6 as part of his preparations for the world championships.

It will be the fourth time in five years Bolt has run in the meeting, although he missed out last year.

Bolt will compete against French sprinter Christophe Lemaitre in the ninth leg of the Diamond League.

Bolt, the 200 world record-holder, has won the last two world and Olympic titles over the distance.

He beat Lemaitre at the meeting in 2011.

The worlds in Moscow take place from Aug. 10-18. □



**Olympic gold medalist Usain Bolt, right, and singer/actress Queen Latifah arrive at the NBA All-Star celebrity game Friday, Feb. 15, 2013, in Houston.**

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## Del Potro, Djokovic win in Dubai Championships

**MICHAEL CASEY**

**AP Sports Writer**

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)** — Juan Martin del Potro saved three match points Tuesday to get past Marcos Baghdatis 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (4) and reach the second round of the Dubai Championships, while Nikolay Davydenko upset ninth-ranked Janko Tipsarevic in straight sets.

Top ranked Novak Djokovic, looking for his fourth Dubai title, had a much easier time against good friend and fellow Serb Viktor Troicki, beating him 6-1, 6-4 in just over an hour. Del Potro, who reached the quarterfinals in Marseille and won his 14th title the week before in Rotterdam, appeared sluggish early, handing the first set to Baghdatis when he hit one of his three double faults. But the 2009 U.S. Open champion served better in the second, and broke Baghdatis to go up 3-2. The two traded breaks in the third and Del Potro

won it when the Cypriot hit a forehand into the net after a short rally.

"I was fighting every time of the match," Del Potro said. "He's a great player. He fights like me every point, and we made fantastic rallies. The crowd was enjoying the game. I'm so glad to beat him tonight in Dubai."

Del Potro said his right wrist is still bothering him, having missed most of 2010 after having surgery on it and still struggling to return to the top.

"I'm trying to keep focus on this tournament because it's very important," Del Potro said. "And then to come for Indian Wells and Miami, I need good results here."

Coming off his third consecutive Australian Open title, Djokovic broke the 44th-ranked Troicki twice to easily win the first set. The second was tighter, with Troicki breaking Djokovic to even the set at 4-4. But Djokovic broke back and



Argentina's Juan Martin del Potro returns a shot against Julien Benneteau of France in the final of the ABN AMRO world tennis tournament at Ahoy Arena in Rotterdam, Netherlands, Sunday Feb. 17, 2013.

Associated Press

then clinched the match with a slicing serve that Troicki couldn't return.

"That was a great one, especially in the first set, considering the fact I haven't played an official tournament for three, four weeks," said Djokovic, who now has a 13-1 record against

Troicki. "This is one of the fastest hard courts on the tour that I have experienced outdoors. So you need to be really committed to every point and play well."

In other matches, sixth-ranked Tomas Berdych made easy work of Ameri-

can wild-card entry Rajeev Ram, beating him 6-1, 6-3. Australian Bernard Tomic withdrew from his match against Romanian Victor Hanesescu after falling behind 3-2 in the first set.

Davydenko, who reached the Qatar Open final in January, overwhelmed Tipsarevic 6-0, 7-5. It was the third tournament in a row that the Serb had lost his opening match after he injured his heel at the Australian Open.

The big-hitting Tipsarevic had trouble with his serve all match, committing six double faults and finishing with a first serve percentage of only 49 percent.

The 46th-ranked Davydenko said it was clear Tipsarevic isn't playing at his best.

"Maybe he doesn't have the confidence after the Australian Open," the Russian said. "After his injury, he tried to come back. (His) game is good but is not enough now. Maybe he will feel better in America." □

## Haas advances to 2nd round at Delray Beach

**DELRAY BEACH, Florida (AP)** — Second-seeded Tommy Haas of Germany advanced to the second round of the Delray Beach International Tennis Championships when Igor Sijsling of the Netherlands retired from their match Tuesday with an injured left ankle.

On a breezy day with occasional light rain, the two split the first two sets. Sijsling won the first 7-5 and Haas took the second at 6-4, before the Dutchman called it quits.

The 74th-ranked Sijsling hit a return in the ninth game and crumbled to the floor with the injury. After the trainer came to the court, Sijsling went back out. Haas held onto his serve and then Sijsling was serving at 4-5 in the second set.

Frustrated at going behind 0-30, Sijsling belted three balls into the stands, hitting a spectator with one of the balls. He received a code violation warning, lost his serve which evened the score at one set apiece,

and retired from the match. "What a strange match," Haas said. "At 4-all, first point, I saw him falling to the ground. Sometimes you don't know how to react when someone is injured, but he looked like he was in pain. The first couple of points went my way and he started to smash balls out of the stadium and hit a spectator. You never want to win a match like that. It's not a proud win for me." Haas will next face Denis Istomin of Uzbekistan. Istomin



defeated Benjamin Becker of Germany 6-7 (3), 6-4, 7-5.

Qualifier Ernests Gulbis of Latvia, who won first ATP tour title at Delray in 2010, beat American veteran James Blake 6-1, 6-4. □

# Fertility, Naturally

By: Dr. Carlos Viana

Fecundity or being able to have children has always been an issue. Virtually all cultures have had a means of venerating the Supreme Being as a Divine Female that could be asked to help with fertility problems. Whether you already have child and would like more children or hope to have a family in the future, the physical and psychological health of both partners as well as lifestyle can greatly affect your chances of getting pregnant and having a healthy baby. Unfortunately, the U.S. National Survey of Family Growth reported that impaired fecundity rose significantly between 1982 and 1995, the biggest increase in women under 25 and it's still rising. Similar findings from Europe show that 40 percent of men entering the draft in Denmark have low sperm count levels associated with infertility.

If you're under 35 and have been trying to get pregnant for less than a year (or fewer than six months if you're over 35), you have no reason to be concerned yet. To make sure you're doing all you can to enhance your chances of getting pregnant come in for a consultation. If you've had frequent unprotected sex for more than a year (six months if you're over 35) without conceiving, you or your partner may have a condition that's interfering with your chances of conceiving. A doctor can diagnose a fertility problem.

Researchers estimate that as many as one in ten couples have

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Women tend to have fertility problems when they have a history of: endometriosis, uterine fibroids, pelvic inflammatory disease, blocked Fallopian tubes from a previous infection or surgery, or chronic illness such as diabetes, cancer, or thyroid disease. Sexually transmitted disease (STD's) can adversely affect chances of getting pregnant. Women who have painful or irregular periods or excessive facial and body hair have hormonal imbalances impacting fecundity. Finally, women can have pain during intercourse or be allergic to their partner's sperm.

Men can have problems if they have a history of: infection with the mumps virus after puberty, diabetes, cancer, thyroid disease, undescended testicles, testicular tumors,

cysts or cancer, or varicoceles (varicose veins in the scrotum.) Heat kills sperm, so tight underwear, hot tub, saunas, and frequent long-distance bike rides can greatly reduce your sperm count. In both we want to make sure that neither smokes tobacco nor marijuana nor uses alcohol to excess. Studies show that under or overweight couples have a harder time getting pregnant and having a healthy pregnancy.

Reports show that men working with pesticides have higher rates of infertility. Women, whose mother's were exposed to the pesticide, DDT needed increased time to get pregnant. Another fertility and health concern is a chemical used plastics and the lining of cans, bisphenol A (BPA). The latest studies show that men who carry cell phones in pants pocket or clipped to their belts may be exposing their testicles to damaging radiofrequency electromagnetic waves according to Ashok Agarwal, PhD, director of the Center for Reproductive Medicine at the Glickman Urological and Kidney Institute in Cleveland.

Since chemicals, pesticides and cell phones are part of modern life, precautionary methods like using protection and minimizing use and exposure may help. Choose glass over plastic, use natural house cleaners, organic body products and non-toxic garden products.

Besides, lifestyle changes, to increase chance of pregnancy, the



woman can keep track of her basal body temperature daily and check for changes in cervical mucus to determine her ovulation cycle. New, accurate home fertility scopes are available as well as urine fertility testing for daily charting. When you know your fertile days, planning is easier. I recommend the man-on-top position which allows for the deepest penetration and places sperm closer to egg. When a woman has an orgasm the mouth of the womb extends to the vaginal floor and picks up the sperm. I recommend woman have an orgasm after their partner. Lastly, stress can affect appetite, emotions, and the hormones required to release the eggs. If you're stressed out, you may ovulate later or not at all. As many couples trying to get pregnant know, feeling anxious and overwhelmed can kill your sex drive.

In early pregnancy a woman's body produces an elevated level of hCG (human chorionic gonadotropin). About 14 days after fertilization (the time you would expect your period) the amount of HCG has increased so that, some home pregnancy tests may be able to detect the hormone in your urine and give you a positive result. Most home

pregnancy tests are not sensitive enough to guarantee you an accurate result in a couple of days of conceiving. You're more likely to get an accurate result if you wait until a week after your expected period before testing.

Get the Point! If you really want to increase your chances of getting pregnant and having a healthy baby, before you try artificial methods, come in for a natural fecundity workup. Being healthy before pregnancy, gives your baby a healthy start. We're here to answer your questions. Meanwhile a small offering to a fecundity deity won't hurt.

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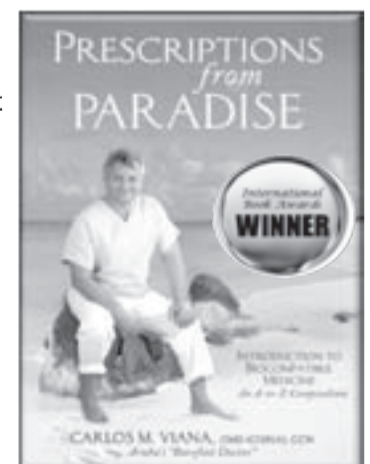
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## Net providers begin illegal downloads warning

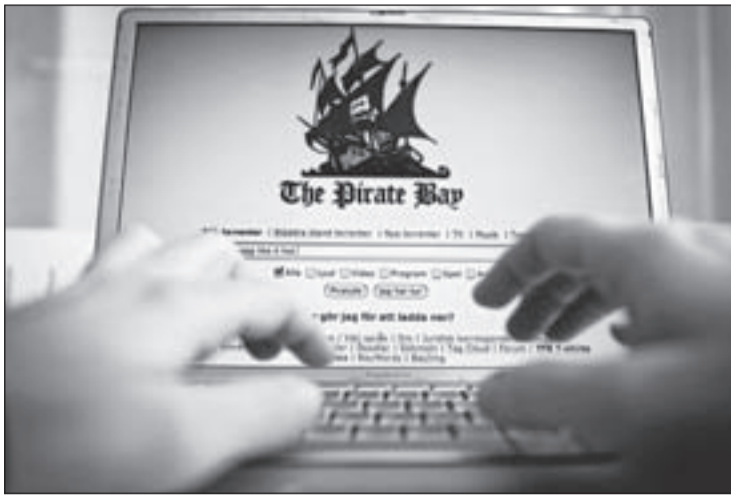
ANNE FLAHERTY

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Internet users who illegally share music, movies or television shows online could soon receive warning notices from the five major U.S. Internet service providers.

The Copyright Alert System, organized by the recording and film industry, is being activated this week to target consumers using peer-to-peer software.

Under the new system, complaints will prompt an Internet service provider — such as Verizon or AT&T — to notify a customer whose Internet address has been detected sharing files illegally. A person will be given up to six opportunities to stop before the Internet provider will take more drastic steps, such as temporarily slowing their connection, or redirecting Internet traffic until they acknowledge they received a notice or



**This is an arranged photograph of the Pirate Bay homepage, taken Nov. 21 2008. Embattled file-sharing site The Pirate Bay is looking for safe havens in Norway and Spain after its Swedish host came under legal pressure to shut it down. Associated Press**

review educational materials about copyright law. Consumers who maintain they have been wrongly accused would be forced to pay \$35 to appeal the decision. The fee would be reimbursed if they prevail. Proponents say the focus is on deterring the average consumer rather than

chronic violators. The director of the organization behind the system, Jill Lesser of the Center for Copyright Infringement, said in a blog post Monday that the program is "meant to educate rather than punish, and direct (users) to legal alternatives." Each Internet provider is

expected to implement its own system. The program gives each customer five or six "strikes" after a music or film company has detected illegal file-sharing and lodged a complaint. The first alerts are expected to be educational, while the third and fourth would require the customer to acknowledge that they have received the warnings and understand their behavior is illegal. The final warnings are expected to lead to "mitigation measures," such as slowing a person's Internet connection speeds.

Officials involved in the effort acknowledge it's unlikely to stop the biggest violators. There are ways to disguise an IP address or use a neighbor's connection that is unlocked. Public wireless connections, such as those offered at coffee shops, also won't be monitored. □

## For 1st time since 1999, music revenues inch up

RAPHAEL SATTER

Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — More than a decade after online file swapping tipped the music industry into turmoil, record executives may finally be getting a sliver of good news. Industry revenue is up. A measly 0.3 percent, but it's still up. "We're on the path to recovery," said Frances Moore, whose International Federation of the Phonographic Industry put together the figures re-

leased in a report Tuesday. "There's a palpable buzz in the air."

In her forward to the IFPI report, Moore said the return to growth was a tribute to the transformation of the music industry, saying it had "adapted to the Internet world." That change has been a long time coming. Online song sharing popularized by services such as Napster at the turn of the millennium seriously destabilized the industry, which

reacted with a barrage of lawsuits and lobbying. But the war on piracy failed to stem the tide of free music, and by the time executives finally began making legal music available through download services such as Apple Inc.'s iTunes, the industry was in a free fall. Since its 1999 peak, the global music industry's revenues have crashed more

than 40 percent. Tuesday's figures, which show a rise in global revenue from \$16.4 billion in 2011 to \$16.5 billion in 2012, are the first hint of growth in more than a decade.

Mark Mulligan, of U.K.-based MIDiA consulting, warned that Tuesday's figures did not mean the industry had put its misery years behind it. □

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## Cablevision sues Viacom over bundling channels

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In the escalating battle between media companies and cable and satellite providers, Cablevision filed a lawsuit against Viacom on Tuesday, accusing the media company of forcing it to carry 14 little-watched cable channels.

The lawsuit filed in federal court in Manhattan alleges that Viacom illegally bundled its channels, forcing Cablevision to pay for Palladia, MTV Hits and VH1 Classic, in order to offer consumers the company's more popular cable channels like MTV, Comedy Central and Nickelodeon. The cost of carrying those smaller channels is passed on to customers' cable bills, Cablevision said.

"The manner in which Viacom sells its programming is illegal, anti-consumer and wrong," Cablevision said in a statement. "Viacom effectively forces Cablevision's customers to pay for and receive little-watched channels in order to get the channels they actually want."

In a statement, Viacom said it would "vigorously defend this transparent attempt by Cablevision to use the courts to renegotiate our existing two-month-old agreement."

Viacom said that like other programmers, it does not explicitly require distributors to bundle all of its channels together; rather, the company provides financial incentives to bundle by offering lower prices when smaller channels are grouped together with bigger channels.

In its statement, Viacom said that it had "long offered discounts to those who agree to provide additional network distribution" and that most distributors view these arrangements as "a win-win and pro-consumer." Federal courts have upheld these arrangements in the past, Viacom said.

Cablevision, which is controlled by Charles F. Dolan,

said in a statement the dispute would not result in an immediate disruption in programming. The company said the lawsuit was filed under seal, so it will not be accessible to the public. The lawsuit represents a turning point in the debate over "bundling," or the practice of selling channels to cable and satellite providers in a package. Partly because of the rising cost of cable, pressure has been mounting on the bundling system for years. But there has been little if any structural change — both channel owners and distributors have found it in their best interests to keep it intact.

Class action lawsuits against bundling have failed in the courts to date. But the lawsuit on Tuesday was different, since it was filed by a distributor. Anti-trust experts could not immediately recall a similar suit. Time Warner Cable, the second biggest cable company in the country behind Comcast, supported Cablevision in a statement on Tuesday that read, "We frequently have pointed out that there are serious problems with the current programming environment. We think this lawsuit raises important issues, and we look forward to their resolution in the courts."

For Cablevision, the lawsuit may be a way to garner public support for its point of view and simultaneously tar Viacom. Cable distributors like Cablevision have been trying to portray themselves as pro-consumer and resistant to price increases, even while carrying out those very same price increases. They have argued for years — more and more loudly of late — that channel owners like Viacom are the ones requiring them to raise the monthly cost of television service.

The channel owners rebut that position by pointing to the big profits that distributors report on a quarterly basis. □

## Best Buy to cut 400 at headquarters

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Electronics chain Best Buy Co. says it is cutting 400 jobs at its headquarters as part of a larger \$725 million cost-cutting plan. The cuts are part of a move to save \$150 million in selling, general and administrative costs. Best Buy says they're the first

phase of the larger cost-cutting plan that new CEO Hubert Joly announced in November. Best Buy has been seeking to turn around results as it faces increased competition from online and discount retailers. Minneapolis-based Best Buy did not say how

many people in total it employs at its headquarters. It did say no sales staffers in stores are affected. It has 170,000 staffers worldwide. Best Buy says it will offer more details on its cost-cutting plan when it reports fourth-quarter results on Friday. □

## US 4Q bank earnings up 37%; lending up

**MARCY GORDON**  
**AP Business Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Profits at U.S. banks jumped almost 37 percent for the October-December period, reaching the highest level for a fourth quarter in six years as banks continued to step up lending. The figures are fresh evidence of the industry's sustained recovery more than four years after the financial crisis.

Banks earned \$34.7 billion in the last three months of 2012, up from \$25.4 billion a year ago and the highest for a fourth quarter since 2006, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. reported Tuesday. Sixty percent of banks reported improved earnings from the fourth quarter of 2011, the agency said.

The FDIC, created during the Great Depression to ensure bank deposits, monitors and examines the financial condition of U.S. banks.

For all of 2012, the agency said bank earnings rose 19 percent to \$141.3 billion, the second-highest annual level ever.

The number of banks on the agency's "problem" list fell to 651 from 694. Banks had lower losses on loans in the fourth quarter and set aside almost 25

percent less to cover potential losses than in the final quarter of 2011.

"The improving trend that began more than three years ago gained further ground in the fourth quarter," FDIC Chairman Martin



Gruenberg said at a news conference. Still, "troubled loans, problem banks and bank failures remain at elevated levels, while growth in lending and revenue remains sluggish," he said.

Banks with assets exceeding \$10 billion drove the bulk of the earnings growth in the October-December period. While they make up just 1.5 percent of U.S. banks, they accounted for about 82 percent of the industry earnings.

Those banks include Bank of America Corp., Citigroup Inc., JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Wells Fargo & Co. Most of them have recovered with help from federal bailout money and record-low borrowing rates.

Gruenberg noted that banks' profit from interest they charge has been

eroded by historically low interest rates during the economic recovery. Banks' net interest income fell to \$104.4 billion in the fourth quarter from \$107.1 billion a year earlier. That was the lowest quarterly level since the final three months of 2009, the FDIC said. The decline in interest income has made banks increasingly reliant on the fees they charge.

For the sixth time in seven quarters, banks' lending increased. It rose by 1.7 percent in the fourth quarter, led by growth in commercial and industrial loans, and credit cards.

That shows banks are becoming less cautious, which could help the economy. More lending leads to more consumer spending, which drives roughly 70 percent of economic activity.

Home equity loans fell by 2.2 percent, however.

So far this year, three banks have failed. That follows 51 closures last year, 92 in 2011 and 157 in 2010. The 2010 closures were the most in one year since the height of the savings and loan crisis in 1992.

In the fourth quarter, the decline in bank failures allowed the insurance fund to continue to strengthen. □

## Shell to buy Repsol LNG assets for \$6.2B

**AMSTERDAM (AP)** — Royal Dutch Shell says it has struck a deal with Spain's Repsol SA to buy Repsol's liquefied natural gas assets in Peru and Trinidad & Tobago in a deal worth \$6.2 billion. Shell said it would pay \$4.4 billion in cash and assume \$1.8 billion in Repsol debt

and other obligations.

The deal also includes a gas-fueled power plant in Spain.

For Shell, Europe's largest oil company, the deal builds on an already strong specialization in LNG. More than half of Shell's production comes from natural

gas, rather than oil, and it has stakes in LNG facilities across the world.

Repsol said separately it would book a \$3.5 billion gain on the deal and significantly strengthen its balance sheet, cutting net debt by half to around €2.2 billion (\$2.9 billion). □

# US data, Home Depot lead Dow average higher

STEVE ROTHWELL  
AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A jump in home sales and strong earnings from Home Depot helped the Dow claw back more than half of its losses from Monday. Improving consumer confidence also brought back buyers to the market.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 115.96 points, or 0.8 percent, to 13,900.13 on Tuesday. The Dow fell 216 points the day before, its biggest drop in three months, on concern that the European debt crisis may flare up again. The index has moved 100 points or more on four out of the past five trading days.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 9.09 points, or 0.6 percent, to 1,496.94. The Nasdaq composite was up 13.40 points, or 0.4 percent, at 3,129.65.

Home Depot, the biggest home improvement store chain in the country, jumped \$3.64, or 5.7 percent, to \$67.56 after reporting that its income rose 32 percent in the latest quarter thanks to strong U.S. sales and the cleanup that followed Superstorm Sandy. That made it the biggest gainer in the Dow, accounting for about 28 points, or about a quarter, of its advance.

"Companies on the whole, particularly U.S. companies, are doing well," Michael Mussio, a portfolio manager at FBB Capital, said.

Strong earnings from home improvement companies, such as Home Depot and Lowe's, which reported earnings Monday that beat Wall Street forecasts, compounded evidence that the U.S. housing market is maintaining its recovery, Mussio said. Also Tuesday, the government reported

to \$19.05, edging out Home Depot as the biggest gainer in the index. D.R. Horton advanced 88 cents, or 4.12 percent, to \$22.25 and Lennox Corp. rose \$1.35, or 3.7 percent, to \$38.01.

The rebounding housing sector has been an important factor behind a rally that pushed the Dow

Also Tuesday, a measure of consumer confidence rose sharply, reversing three months of declines, as shoppers began adjusting to a payroll tax hike last month. Investors closely watched testimony by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke. The Fed chairman said that the automatic government spending cuts due to take effect Friday would put a drag on the economy. He urged lawmakers and the White House to replace the cuts with longer-term policies to reduce the budget deficit. Investors shouldn't be dissuaded from buying stocks by any flare-up in Europe's economic troubles, says Hans Olsen, a strategist at Barclays. The strategist says stocks should have a good year thanks to earnings growth and a pickup in corporate dealmaking.

Deals have accelerated sharply in the last three months and have involved household names including Heinz, Dell and American Airlines. Some of the acquired companies soared 20 percent or more when the deals are announced. It's not yet clear how the recent see-saw in the market will affect investors. Individual investors have been creeping back into stocks since the start of this year, but the swings might yet unnerve them.

"The gyrations worry them, it scares them, even though the market is up," says Ga-

briel Fancher, an adviser at the Financial Group, a financial planner. "The market seems out of people's hands these days."

Tuesday's good news about the economy in the U.S. helped investors turn their focus away from Europe. While U.S. market rose, European markets fell again as investors worried about Italy's political situation. The country is facing political gridlock after elections left Parliament with no clear-cut winner.

U.S. stocks slumped Monday after election results in Italy showed a race too close to call. That left investors fearful that the country, the euro region's third-largest, will struggle to form a government that can move forward with reforms to revive the economy, rekindling the region's debt crisis and worries over the viability of its shared currency, the euro. Italy's main stock index dropped 4.9 percent Tuesday. The yield on Italy's benchmark government bond rose sharply, to 4.83 percent from 4.43 percent the day before, as investors sold them. That's still far below the 7 percent the yield traded at in January 2012, when confidence in Italy's finances was far lower. The euro was little changed against the dollar. Other European indexes also fell, but not as much. Stocks fell 2.3 percent in Germany, 2.7 percent in France, and 1.3 percent in Britain. □



Trader F. Hill Creekmore smiles as he works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013. Strong earnings from Home Depot helped lift the Dow on Wall Street Tuesday. A jump in home sales and consumer confidence also brought buyers back to the market after a big sell-off Monday. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

that sales of new homes jumped 16 percent last month to the highest level since July 2008.

The report boosted housing companies, which led the S&P 500 higher. PulteGroup rose \$1.03, or 5.7 percent,

above 14,000 last week, close to its record high close of 14,164 reached in October 2007. The Dow is still up 6 percent this year, even after Monday's sell-off. The S&P 500 is up 5 percent.

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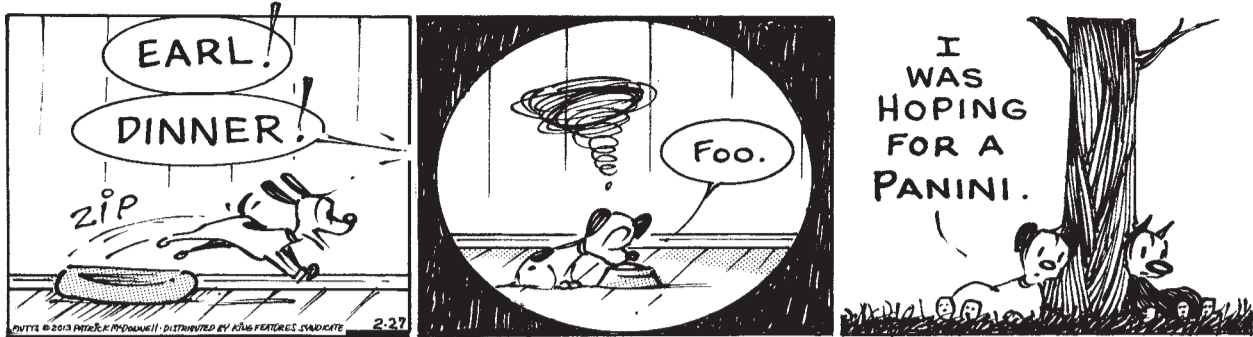
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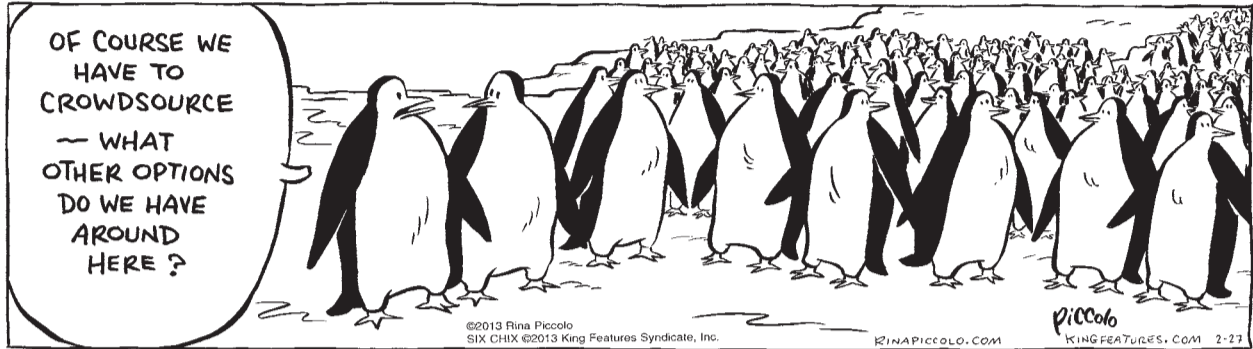


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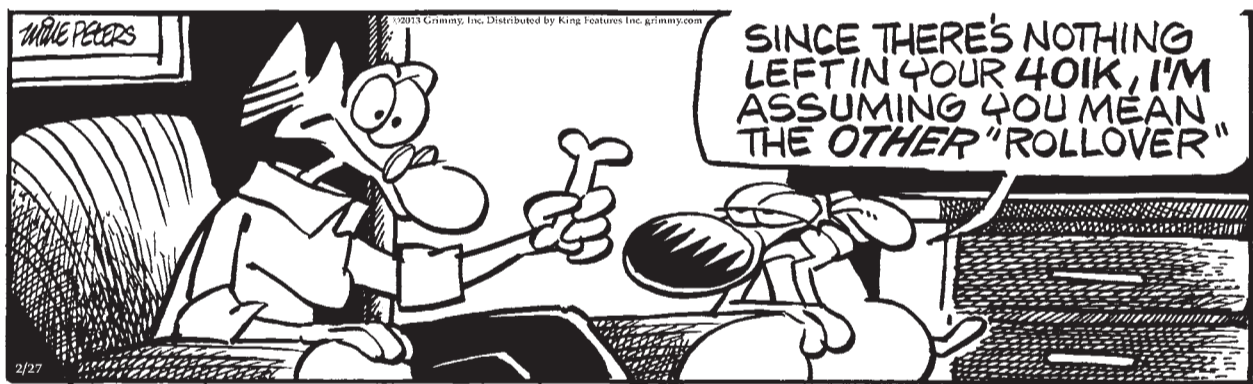
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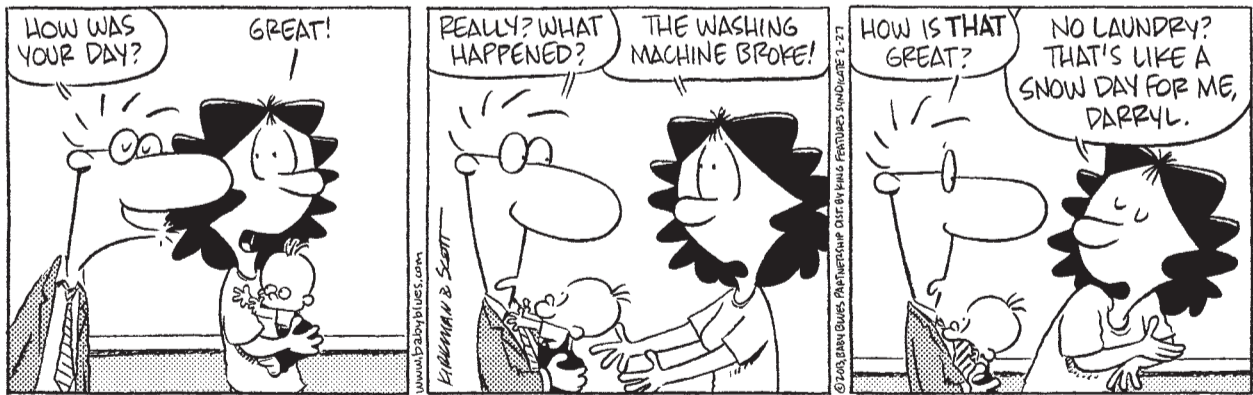
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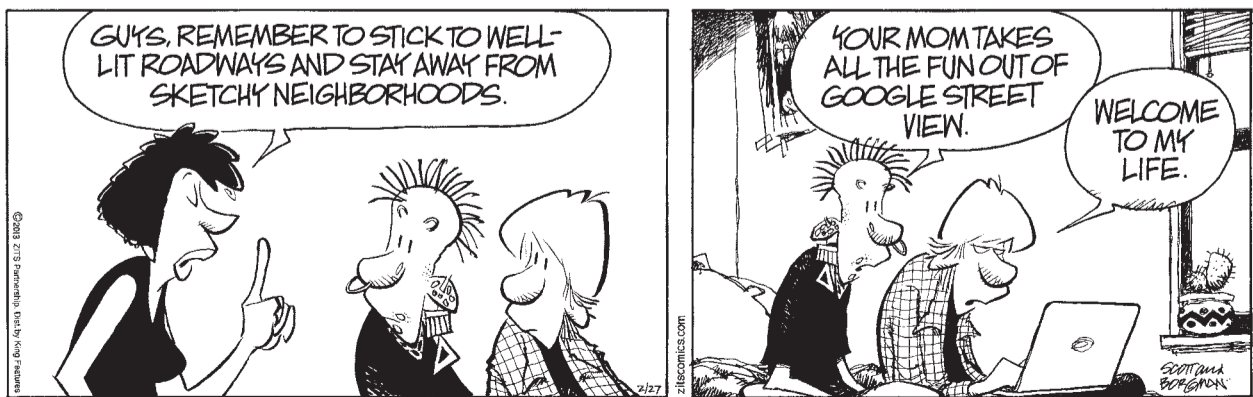
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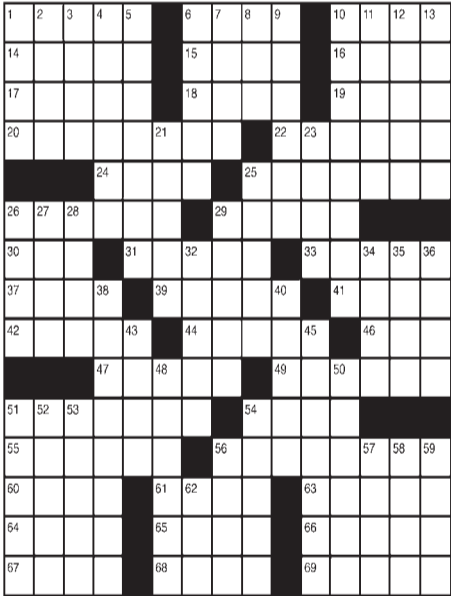
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15 -de-camp; military position  
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17 Small lakes  
18 Disassemble  
19 Roaring beast  
20 Tempting; appealing  
22 Word in a polite request  
24 Air opening  
25 Thin  
26 Natural skill  
29 Plan \_\_; be foresightful  
30 Happy \_\_ clam  
31 Stupid  
33 Ross or Rigg  
37 Freeway exit  
39 Gathers leaves  
41 Twofold  
42 Piece of asparagus  
44 Coin-operated parking timer  
46 Nothing  
47 Used needle and thread  
49 In a tidy way  
51 Hot dog topper, for some  
54 Baez or Rivers  
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60 Genesis man  
61 Iran's continent  
63 Nebraska city  
64 Draw; attract  
65 Now and \_\_; occasionally  
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67 \_\_ up; founts  
68 His and \_\_  
69 Smooth and glossy

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- 1 Juicy & ready to be picked  
2 Press, as clothes



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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# 11 pre-Hispanic bodies found at Peru sports center



A skeleton lays unearthed in the sports complex where Peru's national soccer team practices in Lima, Peru, Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013.

Associated Press

**CARLA SALAZAR**  
Associated Press  
**LIMA, Peru (AP)** — Archaeologists studying a small site at Peru's main sports center have dug up eight skeletons dating from at least 700 years ago and three others twice that old. The discovery of pre-Hispanic remains was made at the Huaca Tupac Amaru B site at the National Sports Village. The 400-square-meter (yard) site sits just a few meters (feet) from the stadium where Peru's national soccer team trains. Archaeologist Fernando Herrera, head of the proj-

ect, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that three sets of remains were determined to belong to the Lima culture, which developed between A.D. 200 and 700. The eight other skeletons came from the more recent Yschma culture, between A.D. 1000 and 1400, he said. Each skeleton was found lying on a bed of woven reeds. The bodies were tied with braided rattan and covered by one or more cloths. They were buried with ceramics, textiles, fruit tree leaves, and tools used for agriculture, he said.

Herrera said the first skeleton was found in December and the others were recovered in January. The archaeological team thinks there may be more and is still searching the site, he said. There are many archaeological sites in Lima, including the Huaca Pucllana in the Miraflores residential district that has a towering

Lima culture pyramid. Luis Felipe Villacorta, an archaeologist and historian who is director of the private Antonio Raimondi museum, said the find at the sports center will add to "the mosaic and image of the Lima culture that is very diffuse" compared to the Nazca and Moche civilizations that developed simultaneously in other parts

of the coast of what is now Peru. Unfortunately not much is known of the Lima culture, he said, partly "because the city, the capital, has grown over it." In addition, there has been more interest in the "pre-Hispanic cultures that are outside the metropolitan area: the Moche, Nazca, Wari," he added. □

## Ailing pets getting hyperbaric chamber treatment



In this photo taken Jan. 25, 2013, Dr. Justin Shmalberg, a veterinarian and professor at the University's of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine, said that hyperbaric oxygen chambers are being used to treat inflammation, wounds and other conditions in pets, in Gainesville, Fla. Associated Press

**TAMARA LUSH**  
Associated Press  
**GAINESVILLE, Florida (AP)** — Hyperbaric chambers have been used for decades to treat divers with the bends, burn victims and people with traumatic injuries, but in the U.S. they're increasingly being used on ailing pets. Doctors at the University of Florida's College of Vet-

erinary Medicine have recently used an oxygen chamber on dogs, cats, ferrets, rabbits and one monkey. Veterinarian and professor Justin Shmalberg said the capsule has been used to treat animals that have been bitten by rattlesnakes, hit by cars and those with infected wounds, among other things. "Any place we have swell-

ing of tissue, we oftentimes are thinking about the hyperbaric chamber as something we could do to decrease that," he said. Shmalberg said the chamber's high-pressure atmosphere of pure oxygen appears to help reduce swelling and aid healing time. He added that the school will begin clinical trials this summer to determine how - or even if - the hyperbaric chamber really is effective in speeding recoveries and healing animals. There is little research on hyperbaric treatments and pets, although veterinarians who use the chambers note that most of the research for human hyperbaric treatments comes from trials done on rabbits and rats. □

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## New dad Nick Lachey to release a lullaby album

**NEW YORK (AP)** — First-time dad Nick Lachey knows all about rocking a baby to sleep. Now he wants to help other kids get their rest.

His new album, "A Father's Lullaby," will be released in a few weeks. It features 12 songs, including classics like "You Are My Sunshine" and "Brahms Lullaby." The album also features four original tracks that Lachey co-wrote, inspired by his own baby.

The 39-year-old singer and his wife, TV personality Vanessa Lachey, welcomed their son, Camden, last September.

"A Father's Lullaby" will be



This publicity photo provided by Fisher-Price shows multi-platinum recording artist and new father, Nick Lachey's album cover for "A Father's Lullaby." Associated Press

available on iTunes and Amazon on March 13. It will be in stores in April.

Lachey will release a new album, "2.0," in May with his group, 98 Degrees. □

## Dorothy Hamill and Andy Dick among 'Dancing' stars

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A gold-medal figure skater, a country music legend and a kooky comedian are stepping their way onto "Dancing With the Stars." ABC says Dorothy Hamill, Wynona Judd and Andy Dick are among 11 contenders for the mirrored ball on the new season of the celebrity dance competition.

Other famous faces in the show's 16th edition include standup comic and actor D.L. Hughley, Baltimore Ravens football player Jacoby Jones and former "American Idol" contestant Kellie Pickler.

Also on hand will be former welterweight boxing champ Victor Ortiz, "General Hospital" star Ingo Rademacher, actress-singer Zendaya Coleman and Lisa Vanderpump from "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills," as well as Olympic gold-medal gymnast Aly Raisman.

The new "Dancing With the Stars" season kicks off on



In this publicity image released by AMC, from left, Aaron Paul, Jonathan Banks, Bryan Cranston and Giancarlo Esposito are shown in a scene from the premiere episode of Season 4 of "Breaking Bad." Associated Press

ABC with a two-hour premiere on March 18. □

## 'Breaking Bad' donates cast clothing to U.S. shelter

**RUSSELL CONTRERAS**  
Associated Press

**ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico (AP)** — The hit television series "Breaking Bad," a show about the meth-

emergency shelter said the show recently donated boxes of clothing worn by cast members from past episodes that will be sold at the shelter's thrift store

give "Breaking Bad" fans an opportunity to buy pieces of show memorabilia, said Reynalds. "Fans love the show, so it's just great that we can

shelter but will not be selling clothing online. And it's not clear what the items for sale include. "Breaking Bad" follows chemistry teacher Walter

shot in Albuquerque and is shooting its final season. Joy Junction currently is raising money for a new chapel, dormitory and women's center.



In this publicity image released by AMC, from left, Aaron Paul, Jonathan Banks, Bryan Cranston and Giancarlo Esposito are shown in a scene from the premiere episode of Season 4 of "Breaking Bad." Associated Press

amphetamine wars in Albuquerque, is helping the city's homeless — and giving fans a chance to own some memorabilia. New Mexico's largest

beginning Wednesday. Proceeds will go toward the Albuquerque-based shelter, said Joy Junction CEO Jeremy Reynalds. Donated clothing also will

give some of them a lasting memory and while so doing help Joy Junction as well," he said. The thrift store will be open seven days a week at the

White, played by Bryan Cranston, producing and selling methamphetamine with a former student, Jesse Pinkman, played by Aaron Paul. The series is

The thrift store isn't the only place fans of the show can purchase clothing from the popular show. The Candy Lady store in Albuquerque's Old Town sells replicas of the "Heisenberg" hat, the black pork pie hat worn by Bryan Cranston's character when he's conducting drug business under his alias Heisenberg. The candy store also sells "Breaking Bad" T-shirts and blue meth rock candy. "All this 'Breaking Bad' is selling like crazy," said owner Debbie Ball, who sells item online. "The show has really grabbed fans who want anything related to it." The Albuquerque Convention & Visitors Bureau recently even created a website of the show's most popular places around town to help tourists navigate, and ABQ Trolley Company sold out all its "BaD" tours last year at \$60 a ticket.

Ball also offers tours of famous Albuquerque scenes from the show in a limousine with a tour guide dressed the character Walter White. □

# Olympics expected to affect next Oscars date

**DERRIK J. LANG**  
**AP Entertainment**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — While the giant Oscar statues are still being washed off and stowed away, planners are already struggling with the timing for next year's show in what could be a very early and very late awards season because of the 2014 Winter Olympics, which fall right in the middle of things from Feb. 7 to 23.

Oscar organizers have yet to make a decision about next year's schedule, but the motion picture academy and broadcaster ABC



This Feb. 22, 2013 file photo shows Antonella Michelena, a television reporter from Mexico, silhouetted as she reports from the red carpet outside the Dolby Theatre in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles.

Associated Press

avoided the Winter Games in 2006 and 2010 by pushing the show to March, after originally moving up the telecast to late February from March in 2004. This was partly in response to the awards fatigue factor, given all the ceremonies now populating the period. In earlier decades, the Oscars — pretty much the only show in town — were held in March and even as late as April.

"They don't have a lot of wiggle room," said Brad Adgate, research director for media-buying company Horizon Media. "I would suspect next year's Oscars will be held in March. The Academy Awards have never been held in January."

They're always the final show during awards season, and obviously the most prestigious and highest rated."

The Screen Actors Guild and Producers Guild of America have already announced that they're moving up their 2014 ceremonies to Martin Luther King weekend on Jan. 18 and 19 respectively to avoid the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, and the Super Bowl at the MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.,

which is set for Feb. 2.

The timing of the Winter Olympics is likely to affect other awards shows, too.

Dates for next year's Grammys and Golden Globes shows, as well as ceremonies for the Directors Guild and Writers Guild, have yet to be announced. There could be a month-long gap between the 86th annual Academy Awards and all other awards season ceremonies, if those shows are scheduled for January and the Oscars end up in March. This raises concerns for Oscar organizers about potential loss of interest and momentum for nominees, which ultimately could dampen the show's all-important TV ratings.

Such concerns have been partly behind a push in recent years to move up several awards proceedings. The motion picture academy, for instance, held the nominations for this year's Oscars earlier than ever on Jan. 10. That put the announcements three days before Hollywood's second-biggest awards ceremony, the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's Golden Globes, which had also been moved up from previous years. □

## MacFarlane says he's not hosting Oscars again

**NEW YORK (AP)** — It looks like it's one and done at the Oscars for host Seth MacFarlane.

The "Family Guy" creator was asked on his Twitter account whether he'd consider hosting the Academy Awards again, and he replied:

"No way. Lotta fun to have done it, though."

MacFarlane's edgy comedy proved a polarizing force at Sunday's Acad-

emy Awards, with jokes about domestic violence, women's bodies and Jews in

Hollywood that offended some viewers. The Oscars did get their biggest audience in three years, however, with particular growth among young viewers.

MacFarlane's spokeswoman said Tuesday she had nothing to add to the tweet. □



Host Seth MacFarlane speaks onstage during the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre on Sunday Feb. 24, 2013, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

## Book chronicles journalists' history-making race

**JESSICA GRESKO**  
**Associated Press**

"Eighty Days: Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland's History Making Race Around the World" (Ballantine Books), by Matthew Goodman Americans have always loved a good race. From the Kentucky Derby to the Indianapolis 500, it's part of our DNA to crown the fastest. In his book "Eighty Days," Matthew Goodman tells the story of two pioneering female journalists who raced each other 28,000 miles around the globe in 1889. One woman went east. The other went west. For more than two months, readers followed the women as they battled storms, snow and delays until one got back to New

York City first.

The competition didn't start as a race. It started as a stunt. To boost its circulation, Joseph Pulitzer's "The World" newspaper dispatched its star investigative journalist, Nellie Bly, off to circumnavigate the globe in 75 days. If she made it, she would beat the fictional record set by Phileas Fogg in Jules Verne's 1873 novel, "Around the World in 80 Days." But when the head of The Cosmopolitan magazine read about Bly's departure, he saw an opportunity. Less than 24 hours later he had his own reporter, Elizabeth Bisland, on a train headed around the world in the opposite direction. The racing report-

ers were strikingly different. At the time she departed New York City on the morning of Nov. 14, 1889, Bly was already a star. The 25-year-old had posed as a mental patient to expose the horrific conditions at a women's asylum, gone undercover to out a man preying on women in Central Park and assumed a different identity to expose a corrupt lobbyist. She had also traveled outside the country, reporting from Mexico for several months. Bisland had less grand ambitions. The 28-year-old initially told her boss she didn't want to drop everything for the trip in part because she had guests coming for tea the next day. And while Bly famous-

ly wore only one dress on her trip and brought a single piece of luggage she could carry herself, Bisland



This book cover image released by Ballantine Books shows "Eighty Days: Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland's History-Making Race Around the World," by Matthew Goodman.

Associated Press

left with a steamer trunk.

Looking back on their journey today, it is remarkable how slowly the women traveled. Getting across the country by train took Bisland more than four days. Crossing the Atlantic Ocean by steamship took Bly a week. Then there was the challenge of communication, with the women relying on telegraph offices to announce their arrivals. (Without email and a mobile phone, it takes awhile for Bly to learn she's got a competitor in her race.)

Goodman's book is more than a retelling of the around-the-globe dash. Readers also get a history lesson on topics from time zones to the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act. □

## Pompom Girl For Feminism



**MAUREEN DOWD**  
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WASHINGTON — Sheryl Sandberg is not one to settle for being the It Girl of Silicon Valley.

Nor is the chief operating officer of Facebook willing to write a book that people might merely read.

One of her friends from her Harvard days told Vogue that the brainy, beautiful, charming, stylish, happily married 43-year-old mother of two, one of the world's richest self-made women, has an "infectious insistence." (She would have to, having founded Harvard's aerobics program in the '80s, wearing blue eye shadow and leg warmers.)

Now that she has domesticated the Facebook frat house, Sandberg wants to be "the pompom girl for feminism," as she calls it. She has a grandiose plan to become the PowerPoint Pied Piper in Prada ankle boots reigniting the women's revolution — Betty Friedan for the digital age. She wants women to stop limiting and sabotaging themselves.

The petite corporate star is larger than life, and a normal book tour for "Lean In," which she describes as "sort of a feminist manifesto" mixed with career advice, just won't do.

"I always thought I would run a social movement," she said in "Makers," an AOL/PBS documentary on feminist history. Sandberg may have caught the fever to change the world from Mark Zuckerberg, or come by it genetically. She writes that her mother, at age 11, responded to a rabbi's sermon on tikkun olam, the Jewish concept of repairing the world, by "grabbing a tin can and knocking on doors to support civil rights workers in the South."

The charmed Sandberg is no Queen Bee. Unlike some other women who reach the top, she does not pull up the ladder, or jungle gym, as she prefers to think of it, behind her. Many women found it inspiring when she said in "Makers" that she left work at 5:30 to go home to her kids, even while they acknowledged that you might have to be Sheryl Sandberg to get away with that. Sandberg, who worked at the Treasury Department for her mentor, Larry Summers, and at Google before going to Facebook, started a group called the Women of Silicon Valley to listen to celebrity speakers and swap stories.

She knows that there is slow evolution or even erosion in women's progress in some areas, and that

many younger women don't want to be called feminists. Professional women often take their husbands' last names these days without a thought.

Her book is chockablock with good tips and insights, if a bit discouraging at times. She urges women in salary negotiations to smile frequently and use the word "we" instead of "I." And she encourages employers and women to talk upfront about plans for children, which employers may fear is lawsuit fodder.

She seems to think she can remedy social paradigms with a new kind of club — a combo gabfest, Oprah session and corporate pep talk. (Where's the yoga?) Sandberg has been recruiting corporations to join her Lean In Foundation, which will create the Lean In Community and Lean In Circles, which are, as The Times' Jodi Kantor wrote, like "consciousness-raising groups of yore." The circles will entail eight to 12 peers who will meet monthly and use "education modules" to learn the skills to pursue equality. (Like how Rosa Parks used bus modules.) The debut assignment is a video on how to command more authority by altering how you speak and sit.

Women are encouraged to send in stories about leaning in, but no sad sacks allowed: "Share a positive ending about what you learned from the experience," says the instructional material for Lean In Circles. And no truants: "Don't invite flakes."

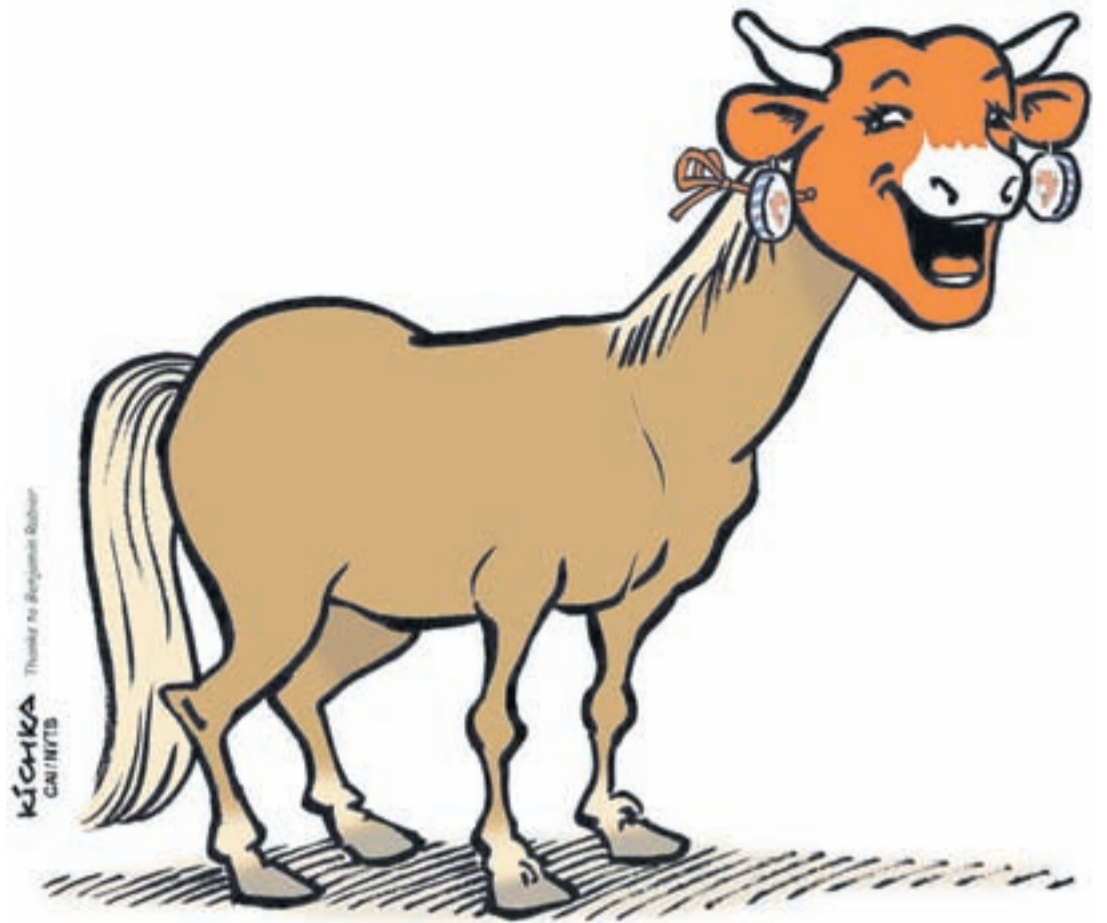
That leaves me leaning out.

Sandberg has already gotten some flak from women who think that her attitude is too elitist and that she is too prone to blame women for failing to get ahead. (Not everyone has Larry Page and Sergey Brin volunteering to baby-sit, and Zuckerberg offering a shoulder to cry on.) Noting that her Facebook page for "Lean In" looks more like an ego wall with "deep thoughts," critics argue that her unique perch as a mogul with the world's best husband to boot makes her tone-deaf to the problems average women face as they struggle to make ends meet in a rough economy, while taking care of kids, aging parents and housework.

Sandberg describes taking her kids to a business conference last year and realizing en route that her daughter had head lice. But the good news was that she was on the private eBay jet.

Sandberg may mean well, and she may be setting up a run for national office. But she doesn't understand the difference between a social movement and a social network marketing campaign. Just because digital technology makes connecting possible doesn't mean you're actually reaching people.

People come to a social movement from the bottom up, not the top down. Sandberg has co-opted the vocabulary and romance of a social movement not to sell a cause, but herself. □



## Austerity, Italian-Style



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Two months ago, when Mario Monti stepped down as Italy's prime minister, The Economist opined that "The coming election campaign will be, above all, a test of the maturity and realism of Italian voters." The mature, realistic action, presumably, would have been to return Monti — who was essentially imposed on Italy by its creditors — to office, this time with an actual democratic mandate.

Well, it's not looking good. Monti's party appears likely to come in fourth; not only is he running well behind the essentially comical Silvio Berlusconi, he's running behind an actual comedian, Beppe Grillo, whose lack of a coherent platform hasn't stopped him from becoming a powerful political force.

It's an extraordinary prospect, and one that has sparked much commentary about Italian political culture. But without trying to defend the politics of bunga bunga, let me ask the obvious question: What good, exactly, has what currently passes for mature realism done in Italy or for that matter Europe as a whole? For Monti was, in effect, the pro-consul installed by Germany to enforce fiscal austerity on an already ailing economy; willingness to pursue austerity without

limit is what defines respectability in European policy circles. This would be fine if austerity policies actually worked — but they don't. And far from seeming either mature or realistic, the advocates of austerity are sounding increasingly petulant and delusional.

Consider how things were supposed to be working at this point. When Europe began its infatuation with austerity, top officials dismissed concerns that slashing spending and raising taxes in depressed economies might deepen their depressions. On the contrary, they insisted, such policies would actually boost economies by inspiring confidence.

But the confidence fairy was a no-show. Nations imposing harsh austerity suffered deep economic downturns; the harsher the austerity, the deeper the downturn. Indeed, this relationship has been so strong that the International Monetary Fund, in a striking mea culpa, admitted that it had underestimated the damage austerity would inflict.

Meanwhile, austerity hasn't even achieved the minimal goal of reducing debt burdens. Instead, countries pursuing harsh austerity have seen the ratio of debt to GDP rise, because the shrinkage in their economies has outpaced any reduction in the rate of borrowing. And because austerity policies haven't been offset by expansionary policies elsewhere, the European economy as a whole — which never had much of a recovery from the slump of 2008-09 — is back in recession, with unemployment marching ever higher.

The one piece of good news is that bond markets have calmed down, largely thanks to the stated willingness of the European Central Bank to step in and buy

government debt when necessary. As a result, a financial meltdown that could have destroyed the euro has been avoided. But that's cold comfort to the millions of Europeans who have lost their jobs and see little prospect of ever getting them back.

Given all of this, one might have expected some reconsideration and soul-searching on the part of European officials, some hints of flexibility. Instead, however, top officials have become even more insistent that austerity is the one true path.

Thus in January 2011 Olli Rehn, a vice president of the European Commission, praised the austerity programs of Greece, Spain, and Portugal and predicted that the Greek program in particular would yield "lasting returns." Since then unemployment has soared in all three countries — but sure enough, in December 2012, Rehn published an op-ed article with the headline "Europe must stay the austerity course."

Oh, and Rehn's response to studies showing that the adverse effects of austerity are much bigger than expected was to send a letter to finance ministers and the IMF declaring that such studies were harmful, because they were threatening to erode confidence.

Which brings me back to Italy, a nation that for all its dysfunction has in fact dutifully imposed substantial austerity — and seen its economy shrink rapidly as a result.

Outside observers are terrified about Italy's election, and rightly so: Even if the nightmare of a Berlusconi return to power fails to materialize, a strong showing by Berlusconi, Grillo or both would destabilize not just Italy but Europe as a whole. □

# Hilltop town near Rome prepares to welcome pope

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**CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy** –

This cramped hilltop town outside of Rome is in its final preparations for the arrival on Thursday afternoon of an honored guest: Pope Benedict XVI, who will commence his new life as “pope emeritus,” one of the titles by which he will be known.

Town officials have been gearing up for a rousing – as far as ecclesiastical

ings in a convent inside the Vatican where he will live out his life, “hidden to the world,” as he said this month. And as the College of Cardinals begins to congregate next week ahead of a March conclave to choose Benedict’s successor, the pope’s off-season stint in Castel Gandolfo, about 15 miles southeast of Vatican City, is an added assurance that he won’t exert any undue influence in the selection.

lots of land with their villas were acquired and elaborate gardens were developed.

The pontifical villas of Castel Gandolfo cover a triangle-shaped swath of the town, totaling about 135 acres. A working farm provides produce – fruits and vegetables, oil, eggs and dairy products – to the pope’s kitchens, both here and in Vatican City. Though the villas are under pontifical jurisdiction

was later pardoned by the pope.

Townpeople of a certain age still recall the protection given by Pope Pius XII after Allied troops landed in Anzio in 1944 and the area became an open war zone. Some 12,000 people found refuge in the pontifical villas. “Around here there are many people named Pio or Pia, Eugenio or Eugenia,” in honor of Eugenio Pacelli, who became Pius XII, said Pier

hall quotes the pope’s own 2011 endorsement: “...Here I find everything. Mountains, a lake, and I can even see the sea... And good people.”

The pope will arrive here by helicopter on Thursday afternoon, and will address the members of the diocese of Albano from the apostolic palace in the square in the final hours of his pontificate, which will end at 8 p.m.

“Symbolically, at that time we will see the gates of the palace close, and the Swiss Guards will make their departure,” the Rev. Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, said at a news briefing on Tuesday, speaking of the armed forces that have served as papal bodyguards since 1506. The Vatican police will take over the protection of the former pontiff. The pope will reside in his summer apartment here with his two secretaries and four memores, the laywomen of the community Memores Domini who care for him, said Saverio Petrillo, the director of the Pontifical Villas of Castel Gandolfo. The intimate setting “allows for a more familial life,” he said.

Benedict will have access to landscaped gardens built over the ruins of the sprawling villa used as a summer residence by the Emperor Domitian, who ruled in the first century. “Castel Gandolfo is one place where the pope can find privacy,” Turoli said. “And it’s our job to ensure that he has a restful stay here.”

Anna Maria Vici Torrigiani, whose shop here makes cassocks and church decorations, last year presented the pope with an icon of the Virgin Mary against a background that depicts Lake Albano and Castel Gandolfo.

“I am hoping that he will take the icon with him when he goes into the convent in the Vatican,” she said. “Given he won’t be able to see the world any more, I hope he will bring a bit of Castel Gandolfo with him.” □



**Gardens at the Pontifical Villas of Castel Gandolfo, Italy, Feb. 26, 2013. Pope Benedict XVI will spend two months in Castel Gandolfo, Italy as he waits for the restoration of more permanent lodgings in a convent inside the Vatican where he will live out his life.**

(Gianni Cipriano/The New York Times)

events go – welcome, with ringing bells, processional torches and the distribution of religious images with the pope’s countenance on one side and a prayer on the back.

“We want to express affection and solidarity for a choice that left us perplexed and stunned,” said the Rev. Pietro Diletti, the parish priest of the church of San Tommaso di Villanova, where the pope traditionally celebrates mass each Aug. 15, the feast day of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

The pope will spend some two months here as he waits for the restoration of more permanent lodg-

For nearly 400 years, in fact, the town of Castel Gandolfo has played host to a succession of pontiffs seeking solace from the stifling Roman summer.

The papacy first laid claim to Castel Gandolfo – originally a small fortress belonging to the Savelli family – in 1596, but it was 30 years later that it officially became the papal summer residence, when Pope Urban VIII built a new wing on the side of the fortress that overlooks Lake Albano. Some years later, the renowned Baroque architect Gian Lorenzo Bernini developed a second wing, under Pope Alexander VII, and over the years new

and high walls and secure gates bar entry to outsiders, there is considerable interaction with the town.

“Formally we are two states, but in fact it’s all one community,” said the mayor, Milvia Monachesi, noting that a number of its 9,000 residents worked for the papal villas, mostly tending to the gardens.

The pope’s current butler is from Castel Gandolfo. He replaced Paolo Gabriele, the manservant convicted of leaking confidential Vatican documents, an episode that weighed heavily on the final year of Benedict’s pontificate. Sentenced to 18 months in prison in October, Gabriele

Paolo Turoli, an administrator of the Pontifical Villas at Castel Gandolfo.

Like other towns in the Alban hills, Castel Gandolfo is a popular year-round weekend destination for Romans escaping the capital’s chaos.

“But when the pope is here, it becomes the center of the world,” Monachesi said, with a surge in pilgrims, tourists and the occasional head of state with accompanying entourage. “We’re small, but we’re also very international.” It was natural, residents say, for Benedict to want to return to “a place that he loved,” the mayor said. A plaque outside city